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I ALWAYS SAY... NEVER PLAY WITH MATCHES.
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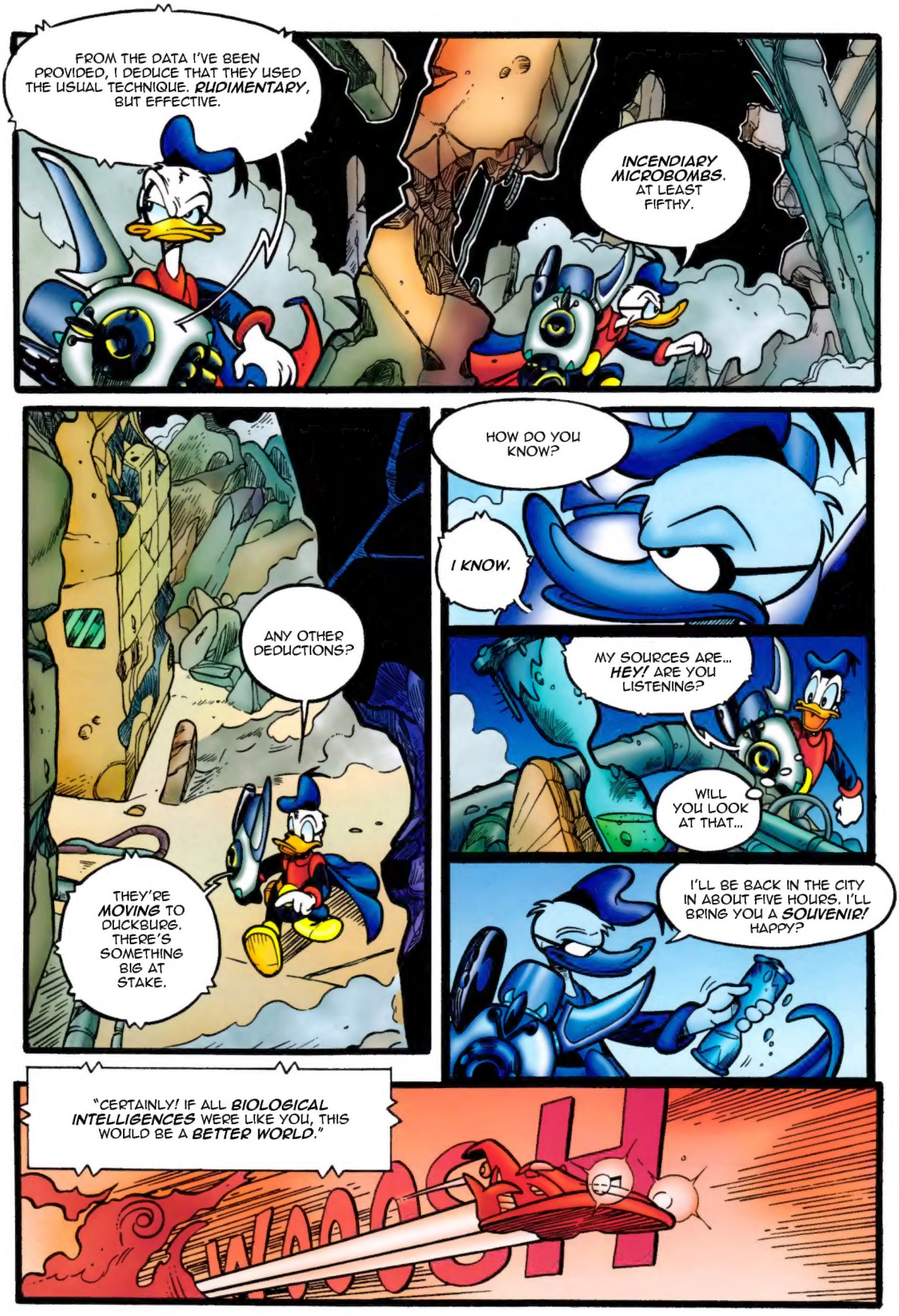
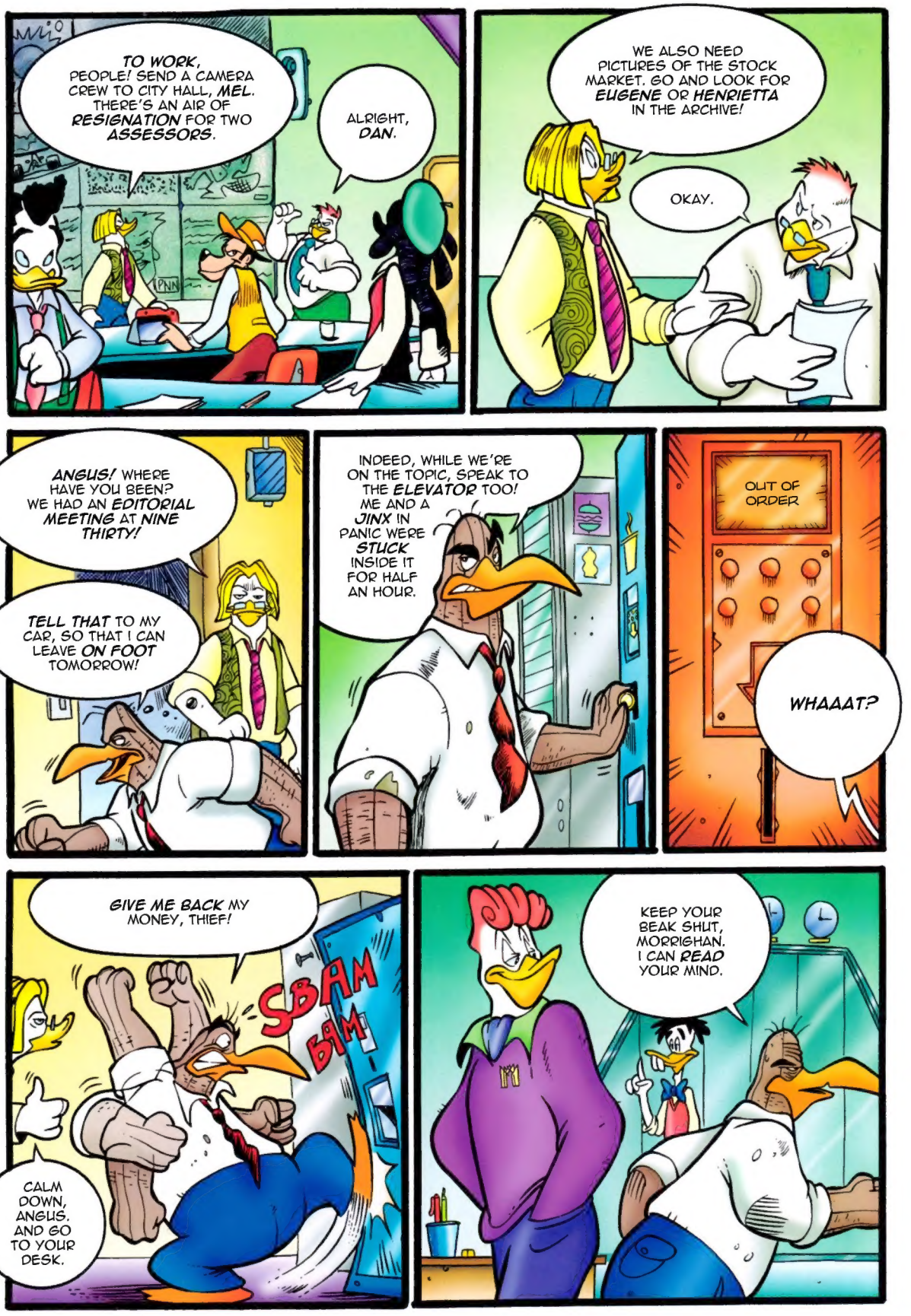
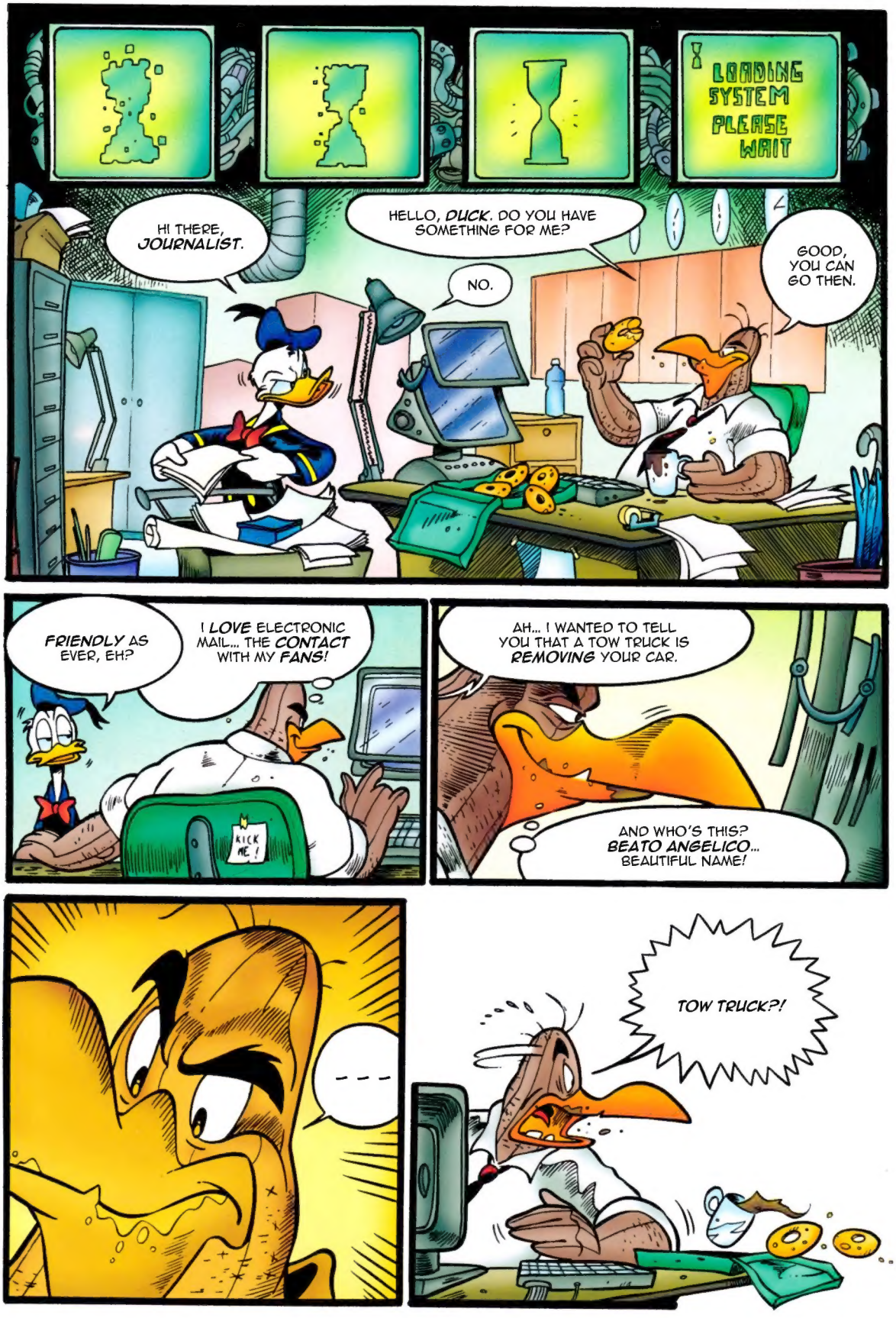

FROM THE DATA I'VE BEEN PROVIDED, I DEDUCE THAT THEY USED THE USUAL TECHNIQUE. RUDIMENTARY, BUT EFFECTIVE.
INCENDIARY MICROBOMBS. AT LEAST FIFTHY.
ANY OTHER DEDUCTIONS?
THEY'RE MOVING TO DUCKBURG. THERE'S SOMETHING BIG AT STAKE.
HOW DO YOU KNOW?
I KNOW.
MY SOURCES ARE... HEY! ARE YOU LISTENING?
WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT...
I'LL BE BACK IN THE CITY IN ABOUT FIVE HOURS. I'LL BRING YOU A SOUVENIR! HAPPY?
"CERTAINLY! IF ALL BIOLOGICAL INTELLIGENCES WERE LIKE YOU, THIS WOULD BE A BETTER WORLD."
WHOOOSH

"YOU'RE ABOUT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF LAST ECHO."
"YES, MASTER."
"ARE YOU READY?"
"YES, MASTER."
"THANK YOU, MASTER."

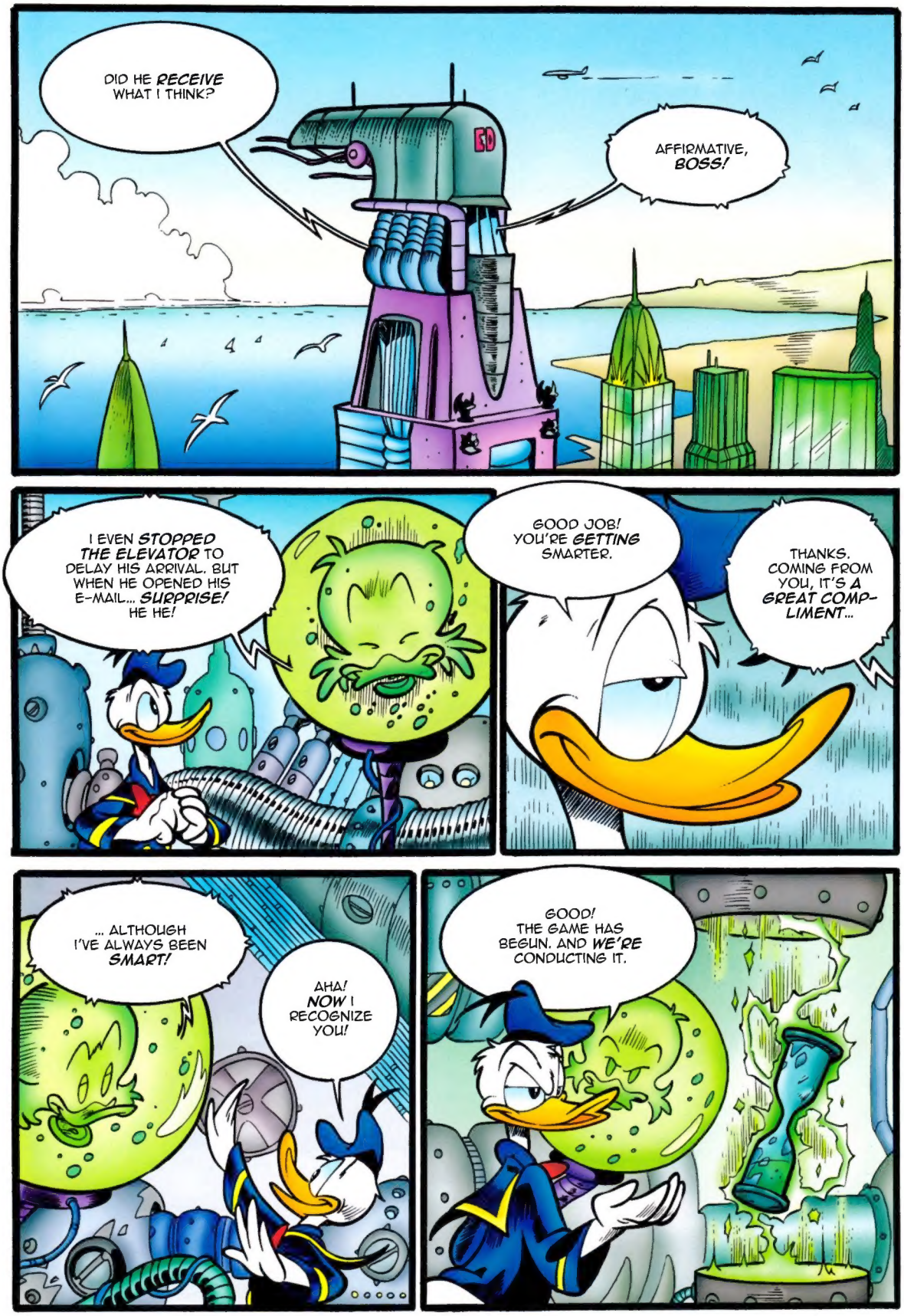
THE MORE I SEE...
... THE MORE I KNOW.
THE MORE I KNOW...
... THE LESS I UNDER-STAND.
MUCH OF WHAT HAPPENS IS SHOWN TO US, BUT MUCH MORE IS HIDDEN FROM US. IT'S NOT RIGHT. IT SHOULD NO LONGER BE HAPPENING.
THIS CITY IS READY FOR OUR MISSION. FOR YOUR MISSION.
HERE. YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO.
YES, MASTER. I KNOW WHAT TO DO.
I KNOW BETTER THAN YOU.

roar
HUFF!
GOOD DAY, MR. FANGUS. HOW ARE YOU?
10:30
NEVER BEEN BETTER.
I ONLY HAD TO PUSH MY CAR FOR TWO MILES. YOU SHOULD TRY IT AS WELL!
EHEM! GOING UP?
NO. STAYING HERE.
CLIC
OF COURSE I'M GOING UP. THE ELEVATOR WAS DEVISED SPECIFICALLY FOR THAT!
SORRY FOR THE STUPID QUESTION... I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS. I DON'T LIKE CONFINED SPACES.
THIS ELEVATOR IS VERY MODERN, BUT IS IT ALSO SAFE?
CRUNCH
UH OH... IT'S STUCK!


TO WORK, PEOPLE! SEND A CAMERA CREW TO CITY HALL, MEL. THERE'S AN AIR OF RESIGNATION FOR TWO ASSESSORS.
ALRIGHT, DAN.
WE ALSO NEED PICTURES OF THE STOCK MARKET. GO AND LOOK FOR EUGENE OR HENRIETTA IN THE ARCHIVE!
OKAY.
ANGUS! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? WE HAD AN EDITORIAL MEETING AT NINE THIRTY!
TELL THAT TO MY CAR, SO THAT I CAN LEAVE ON FOOT TOMORROW!
INDEED, WHILE WE'RE ON THE TOPIC, SPEAK TO THE ELEVATOR TOO! ME AND A JINX IN PANIC WERE STUCK INSIDE IT FOR HALF AN HOUR.
OUT OF ORDER
WHAAAT?
GIVE ME BACK MY MONEY, THIEF!
SBAM
БЯМ
CALM DOWN, ANGUS, AND GO TO YOUR DESK.
KEEP YOUR BEAK SHUT, MORRIGHAN. I CAN READ YOUR MIND.

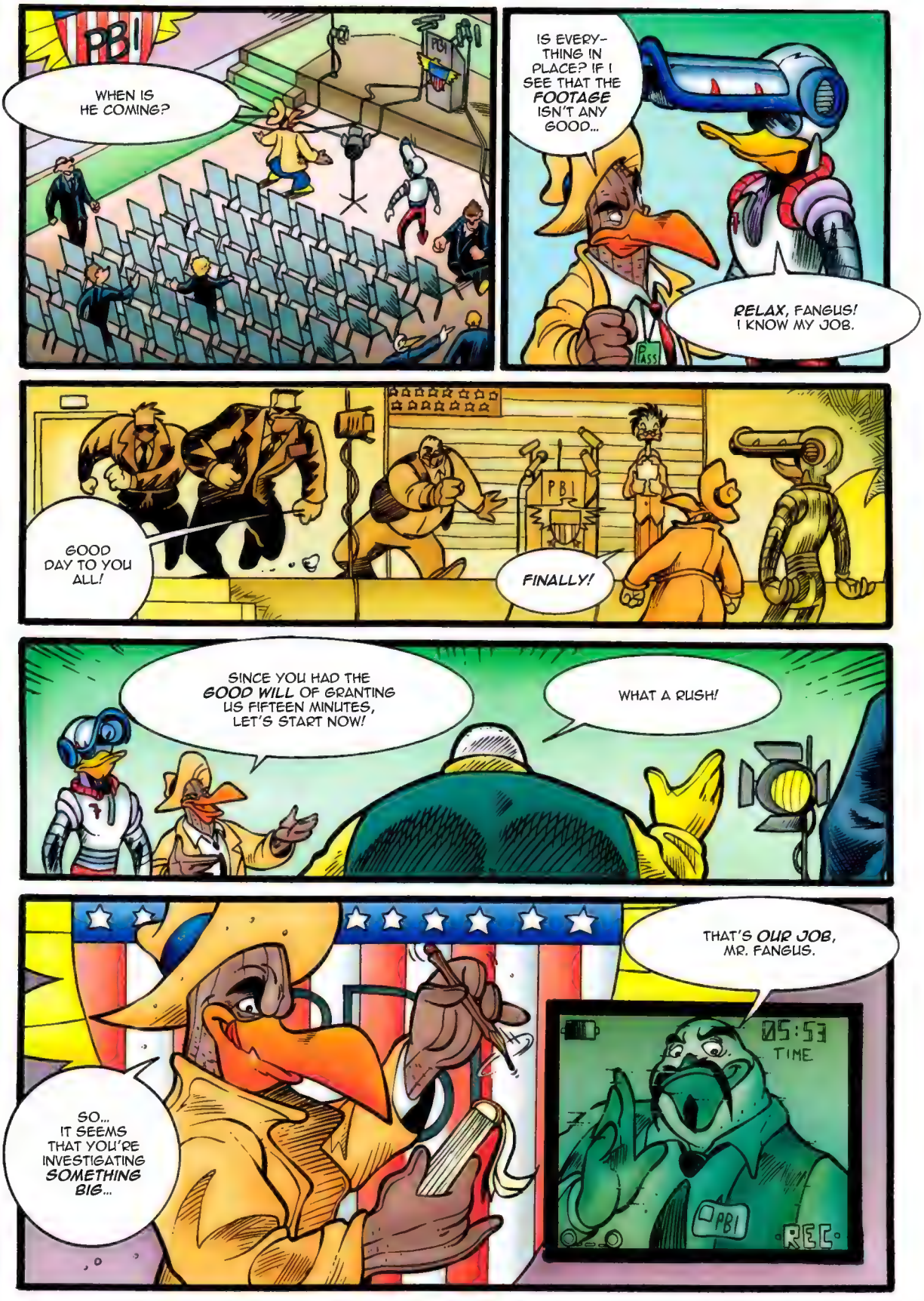

LOADING SYSTEM PLEASE WAIT
HI THERE, JOURNALIST.
HELLO, DUCK. DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING FOR ME?
NO.
GOOD, YOU CAN GO THEN.
FRIENDLY AS EVER, EH?
I LOVE ELECTRONIC MAIL... THE CONTACT WITH MY FANS!
KICK ME!
AH... I WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT A TOW TRUCK IS REMOVING YOUR CAR.
AND WHO'S THIS? BEATO ANGELICO... BEAUTIFUL NAME!

TOW TRUCK?!


DID HE RECEIVE WHAT I THINK?
AFFIRMATIVE, BOSS!
I EVEN STOPPED THE ELEVATOR TO DELAY HIS ARRIVAL. BUT WHEN HE OPENED HIS E-MAIL... SURPRISE! HE HE!
GOOD JOB! YOU'RE GETTING SMARTER.
THANKS. COMING FROM YOU, IT'S A GREAT COMPLIMENT...
... ALTHOUGH I'VE ALWAYS BEEN SMART!
AHA! NOW I RECOGNIZE YOU!
GOOD! THE GAME HAS BEGUN. AND WE'RE CONDUCTING IT.

QUACKTICO, HEADQUARTERS OF THE PBI...
"WHAT IS THE MOST PRECIOUS COMMODITY ON THE PLANET?"
"ON SECOND THOUGHT, THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE."
ERIC J. MITCHELL
DIVISION CHIEF
"I KNOW IT, BUT I DON'T THINK I'M THE ONLY ONE."
PBI
ERIC J. MITCHE
DIVISION CHIE
"IT'S INFORMATION, NO MATTER IF IT'S TRUE OR FALSE."
I DID SAY THE ANSWER WAS SIMPLE.
PBI
PBI
E.J. MITCHELL PBI

TAP
SENDING MAIL
COME INTO MY OFFICE, CHRIS!
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE, MR. MITCHELL!
I SHOULD STOP TALKING TO MYSELF OR I'LL RISK TAKING MYSELF SERIOUSLY.
HERE'S MY EFFICIENT PRESS SECRETARY!
GOOD DAY, MR. MITCHELL.
I'M FEELING TALKATIVE TODAY, CHRIS. GIVE ME THE LIST OF JOURNALISTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE HONOR OF CONFERRING WITH ME.
HERE IT IS.
GOOD, GOOD... HE'S THERE TOO!
LET THE CHANNEL OO CREW INTO THE PRESS ROOM, AND THEM ONLY. TODAY I'LL GRANT AN EXCLUSIVE.
YES SIR.


PBI
WHEN IS HE COMING?
IS EVERY-THING IN PLACE? IF I SEE THAT THE FOOTAGE ISN'T ANY GOOD...
RELAX, FANGUS! I KNOW MY JOB.
PASS
GOOD DAY TO YOU ALL!
FINALLY!
SINCE YOU HAD THE GOOD WILL OF GRANTING US FIFTEEN MINUTES, LET'S START NOW!
WHAT A RUSH!
SO... IT SEEMS THAT YOU'RE INVESTIGATING SOMETHING BIG...
THAT'S OUR JOB, MR. FANGUS.
05:53
TIME
PBI
REC

DON'T BE RETICENT. YOU KNOW WELL WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.
I'M SORRY TO CONTRADICT YOU, BUT I DON'T KNOW. WHAT ARE YOU REFERRING TO?
TO CERTAIN INVESTIGATIONS OF TWO OF YOUR AGENTS...
THEN I'LL ASK THE QUESTION DIFFERENTLY... WHO ARE YOU REFERRING TO?
TO CAPTAIN NIMROD, LIEUTENANT FLAGSTARR AND CERTAIN ALIEN SIGHTINGS...
I... I DON'T...
MY SOURCES ARE WELL INFORMED, MR. MITCHELL! WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO TELL ME?
NO COMMENT!
NO COMMENT! NO COMMENT!
NO COMMENT!
BUT... WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
SUMMON AGENT NIMROD AND FLAGSTARR TO MY OFFICE, CHRIS! NOW!

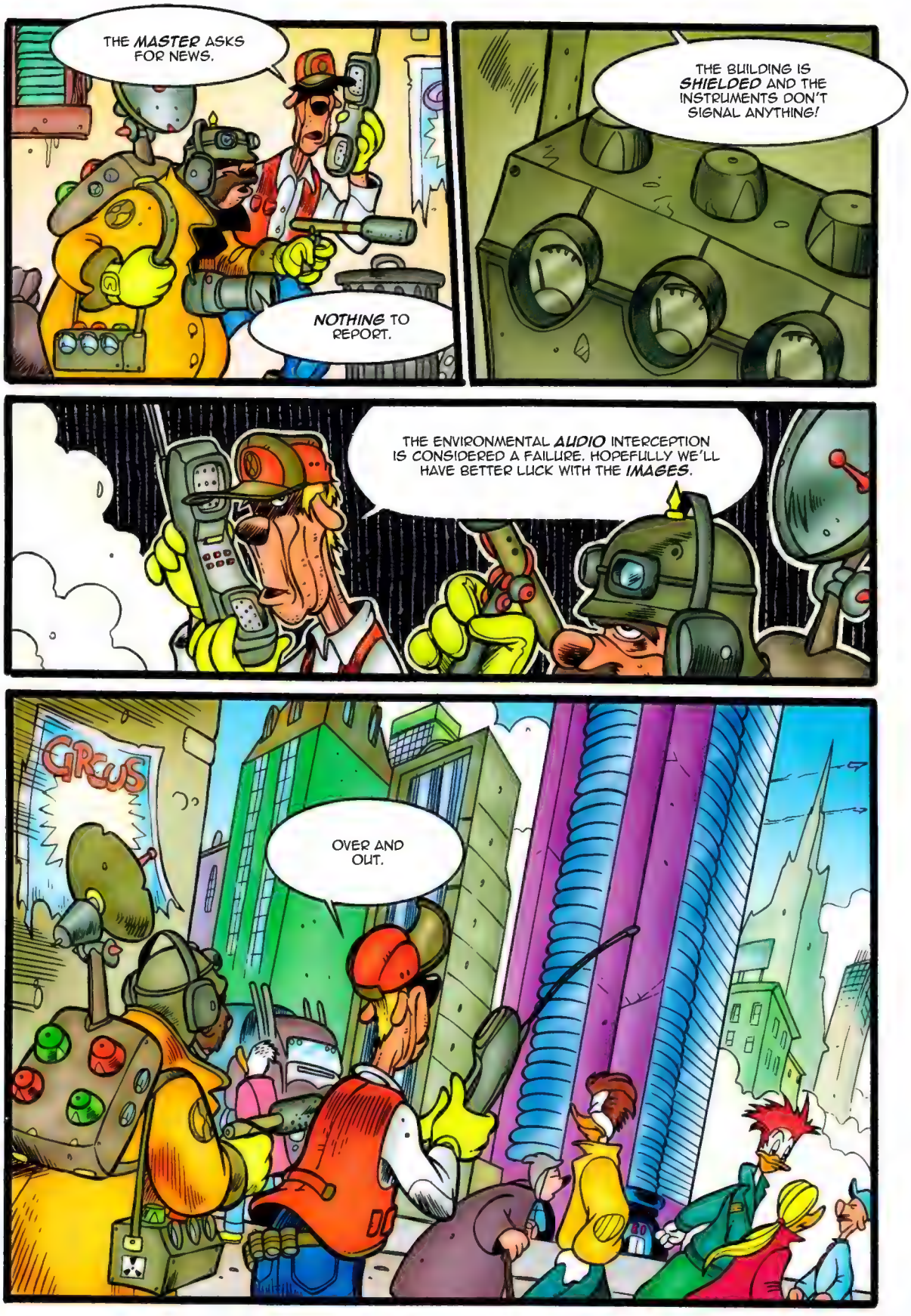
WHAT'S YOUR OPINION, LIEUTENANT?
TO PUT IT NICELY... IN MY OPINION, WE'RE PLUNGING INTO A QUAGMIRE.
CAPT. NIMROD
AND IF WE WANT TO USE A SOMEWHAT OBVIOUS METAPHOR, WE ARE ABOUT TO RAISE A CLOUD OF DUST THAT WILL BLUR THE VIEW OF ALL OF US FOR YEARS ON END!
APPARENTLY, WE THINK ALIKE.
PBI
CAPT NIMROD
TOC TOC
PBI
PBI
CAPT NIMROD
CAPTAIN. LIEUTENANT. PLEASE FOLLOW US.

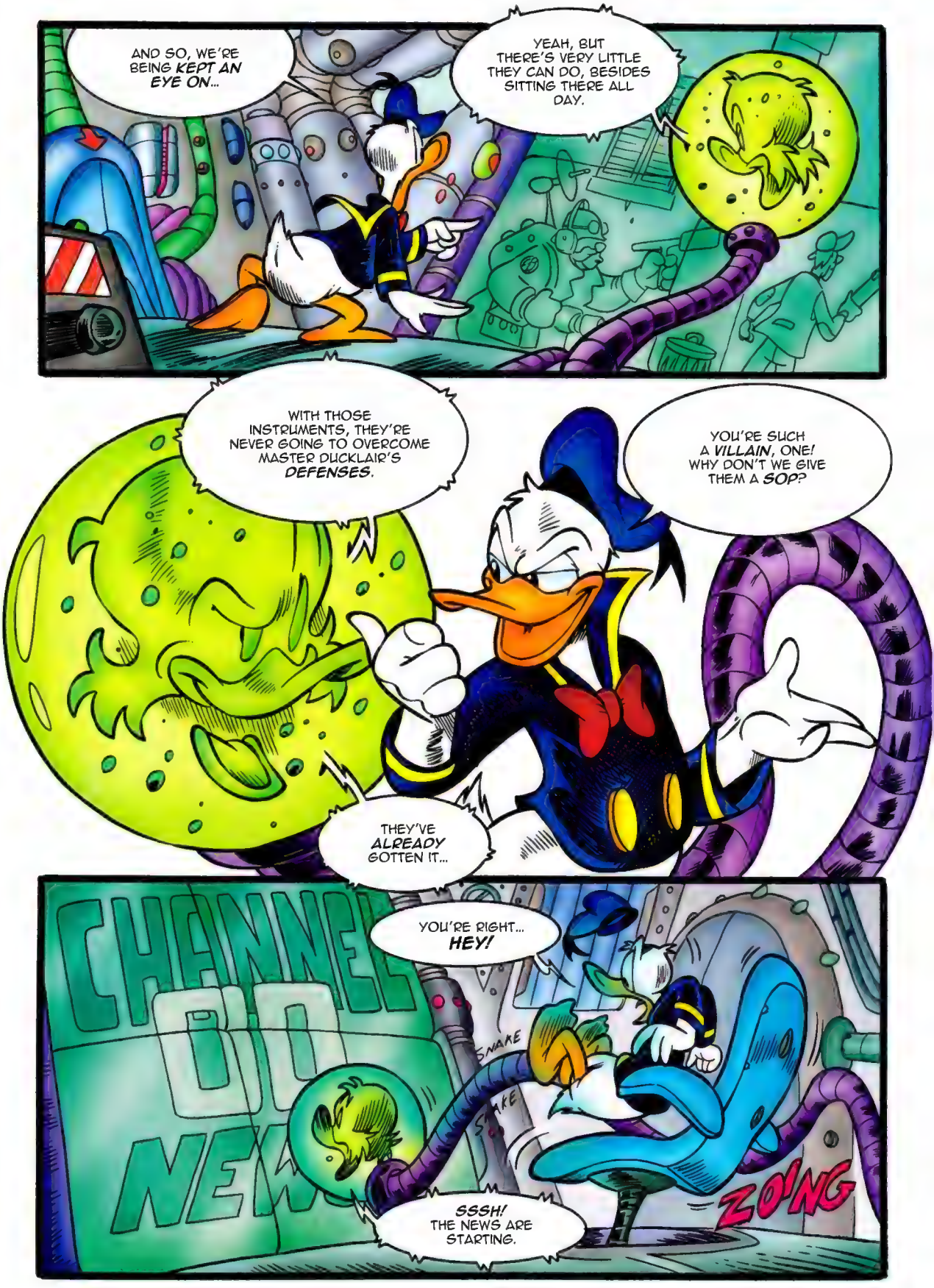
RED
ENTER CODE
BIP BIP BIP
RED
5133
BEEEP
GREEN
5133
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN IN THIS WING OF THE BUILDING.
PBI
ME TOO.
PERHAPS IT MEANS THAT THE CLOUD OF DUST IS ALREADY REACHING OUR ANKLES...
... AND THAT OUR INVESTIGATION CAN ALREADY BE CONSIDERED OVER.

EHEM! SIR...
JUST A MOMENT AND I'M ALL YOURS.
ACTUALLY, YOU'RE ALL MINE!
THAT WAS A JOKE, OF COURSE. TAKE A SEAT.
I'VE BECOME AWARE OF FACTS OF UNPRECEDENTED IMPORTANCE. FACTS REGARDING YOU TWO, CAPTAIN NIMROD AND LIEUTENANT FLAGSTARR.
NOT THAT I GIVE MUCH WEIGHT TO THE AFFIRMATIONS OF A HACK LIKE ANGUS FANGUS...
MITCHELL
BUT I STILL NEED TO TAKE IT INTO ACCOUNT, IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE REPUTATION OF THE PBI!
WE...
LET ME FINISH, PLEASE.
MR. FANGUS WAS RAVING ABOUT EXTRATERRESTRIALS AND I FELT RIDICULED!

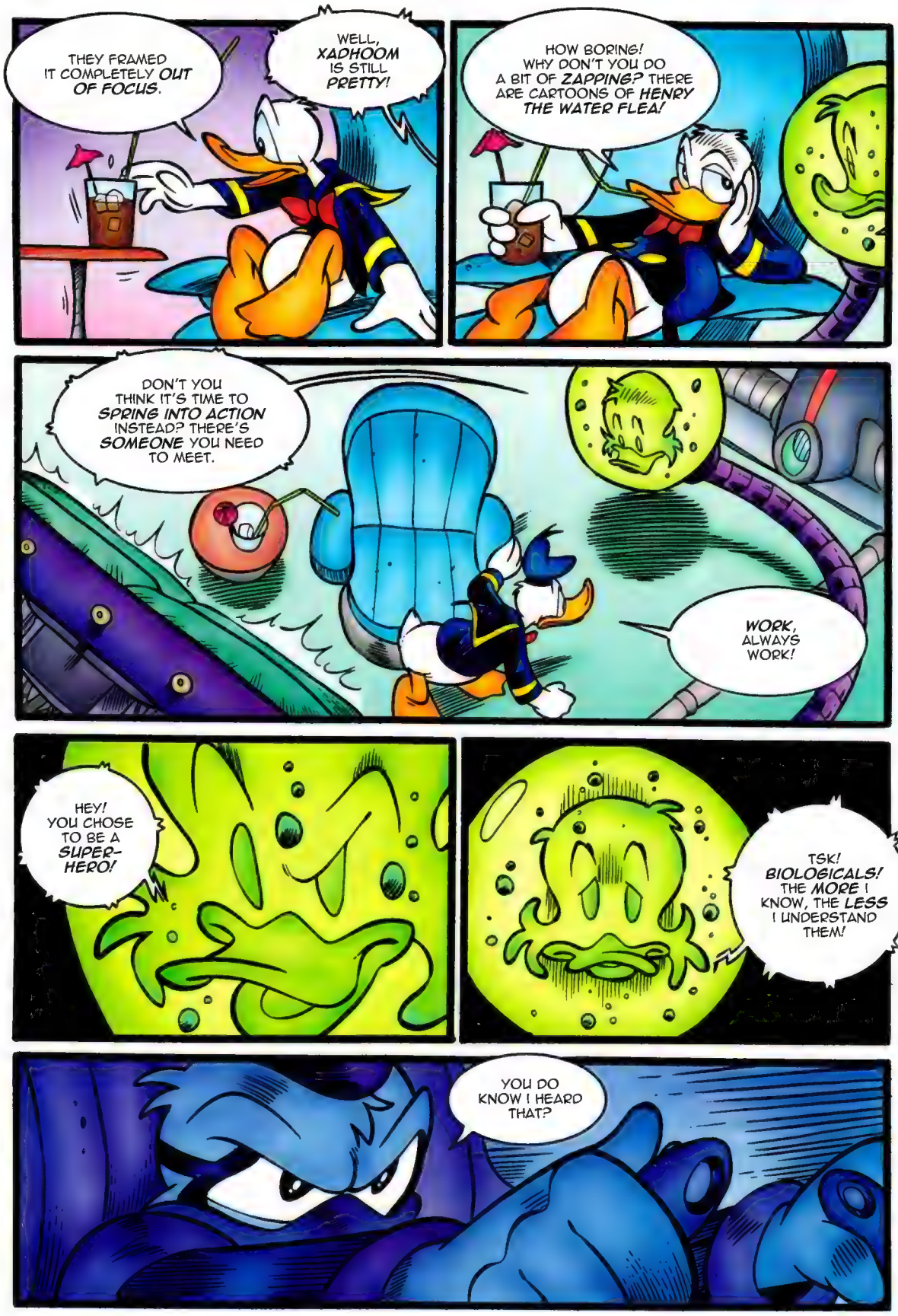
BUT IT SEEMED RIGHT TO CALL YOU IN TO HEAR YOUR VERSION OF THE FACTS.
NOW YOU CAN SPEAK.
THANK YOU, SIR. I CAN ONLY TELL YOU THAT WE'RE JUST AS SURPRISED AS YOU ARE.
YEAH. THIS IS PURE AND SIMPLE SLANDER!
MITCHELL
JUST AS I SUSPECTED.
PBI
GOOD. IN THE LIGHT OF THE FACTS, I WILL ASSESS THE POSSIBILITY TO LODGE A COMPLAINT AGAINST MR. FANGUS!
NOW THAT EVERYTHING IS CLEAR, I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ABANDONING A FEW MINUTES OF YOUR WORK.
THANKS YOURSELF, SIR.
GOODBYE, THEN. AND REMEMBER... YOU HAVE MY COMPLETE TRUST!

YOU THINK THAT'S THE WAY TO TREAT ONE OF THE CITY'S MOST INFLUENTIAL JOURNALISTS?!
WELL, PERHAPS MITCHELL WASN'T EXPECTING YOU TO ASK HIM THOSE QUESTIONS?
OH REALLY? POOR THING!
HEY, ANGUS! THERE'S SOMETHING FLASHING ON YOUR MONIT... OUFF!
OUT OF THE WAY, DUCK!
IF THERE'S SOMETHING YOU KNOW WELL, IT'S GOOD MANNERS!
I WAS TAUGHT BY MY MOM, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
CLIC CLIC
A MESSAGE FROM BEATO ANGELICO!
YEEES! I HAVE THEM IN MY HAND!
I SUGGEST YOU DON'T MISS THE EVENING NEWS, DUCK!


THE MASTER ASKS FOR NEWS.
NOTHING TO REPORT.
THE BUILDING IS SHIELDED AND THE INSTRUMENTS DON'T SIGNAL ANYTHING!
THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIO INTERCEPTION IS CONSIDERED A FAILURE. HOPEFULLY WE'LL HAVE BETTER LUCK WITH THE IMAGES.
GRRUS
OVER AND OUT.

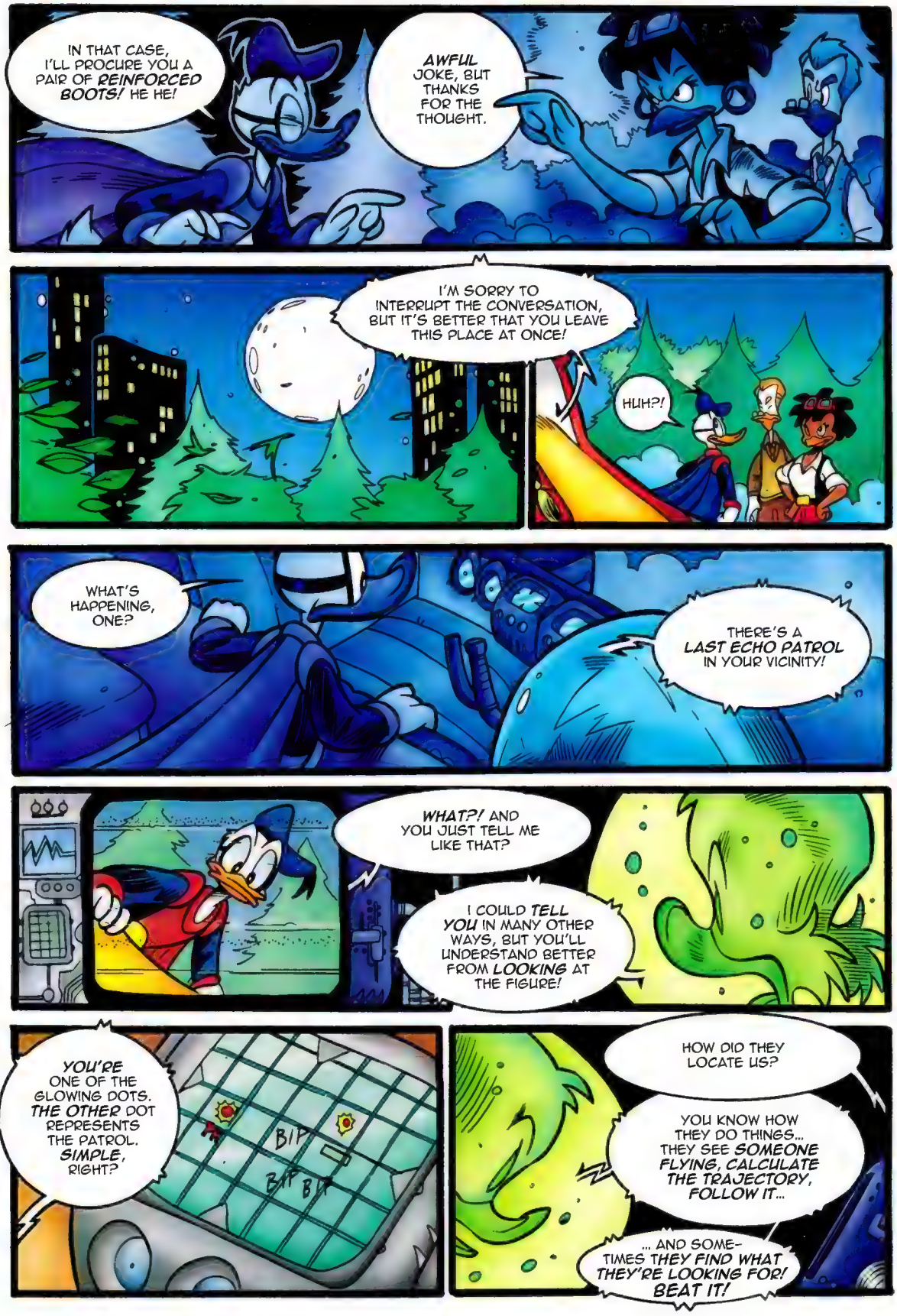

AND SO, WE'RE BEING KEPT AN EYE ON...
YEAH, BUT THERE'S VERY LITTLE THEY CAN DO, BESIDES SITTING THERE ALL DAY.
WITH THOSE INSTRUMENTS, THEY'RE NEVER GOING TO OVERCOME MASTER DUCKLAIR'S DEFENSES.
YOU'RE SUCH A VILLAIN, ONE! WHY DON'T WE GIVE THEM A SOP?
THEY'VE ALREADY GOTTEN IT...
YOU'RE RIGHT... HEY!
SSSH! THE NEWS ARE STARTING.
ZOING

CHANNEL 00 NEWS
WE OPEN THIS EDITION WITH A NEWS STORY REGARDING THE WAY IN WHICH FEDERAL AGENTS DEAL WITH *INFORMATION* IN THEIR POSSESSION.
ACCORDING TO AN *IRRESPONSIBLE* LOGIC, GOVERNED BY IMPERATIVE *HIDING AND DENYING*...
LISTEN TO WHAT THE DIVISION CHIEF OF THE PBI, MITCHELL, RESPONDED TO ONE OF OUR OWN SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON THE ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF AGENT NIMROD AND FLAGSTARR *IN CONTACT WITH ALIEN ENTITIES!*
NO COMMENT! NO COMMENT!
AND NOW TAKE A LOOK AT THE EVIDENCE WE'VE COLLECTED, AN IMAGE TAKEN SOME TIME AGO IN DUCKBURG...
... THIS!


THEY FRAMED IT COMPLETELY OUT OF FOCUS.
WELL, XADHOOM IS STILL PRETTY!
HOW BORING! WHY DON'T YOU DO A BIT OF ZAPPING? THERE ARE CARTOONS OF HENRY THE WATER FLEA!
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TIME TO SPRING INTO ACTION INSTEAD? THERE'S SOMEONE YOU NEED TO MEET.
WORK, ALWAYS WORK!
HEY! YOU CHOSE TO BE A SUPER-HERO!
TSK! BIOLOGICALS! THE MORE I KNOW, THE LESS I UNDERSTAND THEM!
YOU DO KNOW I HEARD THAT?

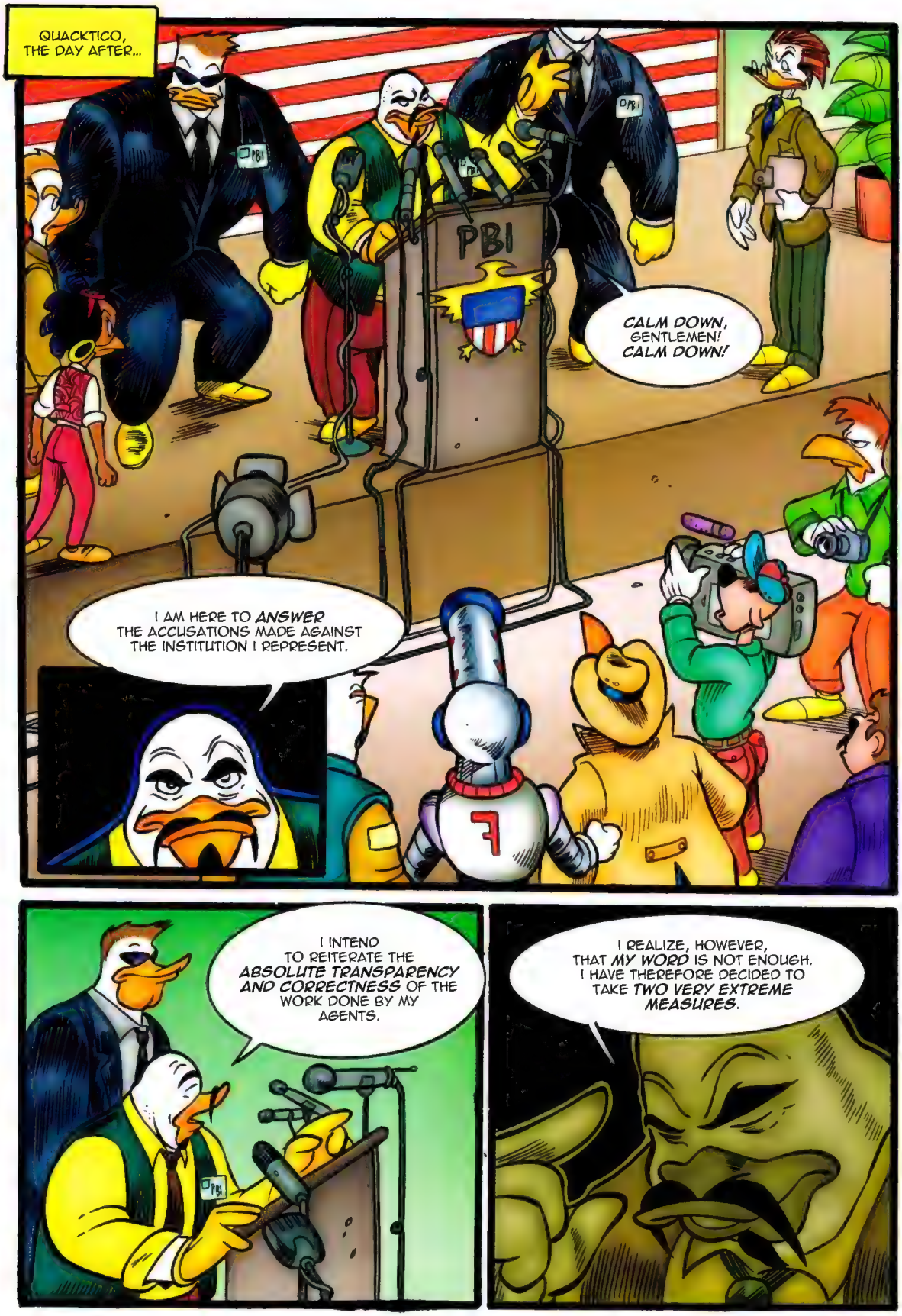
WHY DO YOU THINK HE MADE AN APPOINTMENT WITH US?
WELL, AFTER THE EVENING NEWS, MAYBE HE WANTS FIRST-HAND INFOR-MATION.
IN ANY CASE, WE'RE ABOUT TO KNOW. HE'S HERE!
WOOSH
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE HAVING FUN! MAY I JOIN YOU?
YOU'RE WELCOME, AVENGER.
HEY! WHAT'S WITH THOSE FACES? CHEER UP!
IT'S NOT EASY WHEN YOU'RE IN TROUBLE.

HMM... THE SITUATION IS MORE SERIOUS THAN I HAD IMAGINED.
GO ON! SPILL THE BEANS!
I'M NOT SURE WHERE TO START... FANGUS' ACCUSATIONS DOESN'T CONCERNS US, BUT WE HAVE THE SENSATION OF...
... OF BEING VICTIMS OF A CONSPIRACY! OF SERVING AS SOMEONE'S SCAPEGOATS, BUT WE CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHO.
YEAH.
FOR SOME TIME, THERE'S BEEN AN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL DISTRUST IN THE PBI AND OUR WORK SUFFERS FROM IT!
IT'S TRUE. THE INVESTIGATION WHICH THE LIEUTENANT AND I ARE WORKING ON CONSTANTLY ENCOUNTERS OBSTACLES.
WHAT IS IT ABOUT?
I CAN'T TELL YOU. WE'RE BOUND BY STATE SECRETS!
SOUNDS LIKE "WE'RE STEPPING ON THE FEET OF A BIG SHOT!"


IN THAT CASE, I'LL PROCURE YOU A PAIR OF *REINFORCED BOOTS!* HE HE!
AWFUL JOKE, BUT THANKS FOR THE THOUGHT.
I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT THE CONVERSATION, BUT IT'S BETTER THAT YOU LEAVE THIS PLACE AT ONCE!
HUH?!
WHAT'S HAPPENING, ONE?
THERE'S A *LAST ECHO PATROL* IN YOUR VICINITY!
WHAT?! AND YOU JUST TELL ME LIKE THAT?
I COULD *TELL YOU* IN MANY OTHER WAYS, BUT YOU'LL UNDERSTAND BETTER FROM *LOOKING* AT THE FIGURE!
YOU'RE ONE OF THE GLOWING DOTS. *THE OTHER* DOT REPRESENTS THE PATROL. *SIMPLE*, RIGHT?
BIP
BIP BIP
HOW DID THEY LOCATE US?
YOU KNOW HOW THEY DO THINGS... THEY SEE *SOMEONE FLYING, CALCULATE THE TRAJECTORY, FOLLOW IT...*
... AND SOMETIMES *THEY FIND WHAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR! BEAT IT!*

WHAT'S GOING ON?
LET'S GET GOING! THERE'S SOMEONE COMING WHO IT WOULD BE BETTER TO NOT ENCOUNTER!
ARE YOU COMING WITH ME, LIEUTENANT?
NO THANKS. I'LL GET HOME BY FLYING.
ALRIGHT... SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW!
JUMP IN, MARY ANN! WE'RE TAKING OFF!
AM I DRIVING WELL?
YES, BUT I'LL STILL STRAP THE SEATBELT ON. YOU NEVER KNOW WHO YOU CAN MEET WHEN FLYING IN DUCKBURG!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THE IMAGE THAT FANGUS WAS SHOWING DURING THE EVENING NEWS...
YES, I'VE SEEN IT.
WELL, TO ME, IT DOES RESEMBLE... SOMETHING I SAW A LONG TIME AGO! (*)
(*) CONSULT PKNA#17, "SHOOTING STAR"!
HMM... PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT. HAVE YOU TOLD ANYONE?
NO. I WANTED TO TELL YOU FIRST.
THANKS. BUT, IF I CAN GIVE YOU SOME ADVICE, FORGET ABOUT IT.
AND DON'T WORRY, MARY ANN. EVERYTHING WILL BE ALRIGHT!
I HOPE SO, DUCK AVENGER. BUT I DON'T COUNT ON IT!


QUACKTICO, THE DAY AFTER...
PBI
CALM DOWN, GENTLEMEN! CALM DOWN!
I AM HERE TO ANSWER THE ACCUSATIONS MADE AGAINST THE INSTITUTION I REPRESENT.
I INTEND TO REITERATE THE ABSOLUTE TRANSPARENCY AND CORRECTNESS OF THE WORK DONE BY MY AGENTS.
I REALIZE, HOWEVER, THAT MY WORD IS NOT ENOUGH. I HAVE THEREFORE DECIDED TO TAKE TWO VERY EXTREME MEASURES.

THE FIRST CONCERNS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY, WHICH I'LL LEAD, TO INVESTIGATE THE FACTS REPORTED BY MR. ANGUS FANGUS.
THE SECOND MEASURE CONCERNS THE IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION FROM DUTY OF CAPTAIN NIMROD AND LIEUTENANT FLAGSTARR!
FROM THIS MOMENT, THE TERMINALS OF THE TWO AGENTS HAVE BEEN SEIZED. I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO ADD.
WAIT!
DOESN'T YOUR BEHAVIOR CONFIRM THE ACCUSATIONS, RATHER THAN DENYING THEM?
WERE AGENT NIMROD AND FLAGSTARR AWARE OF YOUR DECISION?
MODESTY ASIDE, THE FACTS THAT HAVE JUST TRANSPIRED HAVE ONCE AGAIN BEEN CONFIRMED BY YOUR ANGUS FANGUS, WITH AN UNPARALLELED JOURNALISTIC INSTINCT!
I MANAGED TO NAIL THE PBI TO ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, BY BRINGING TO LIGHT A SITUATION IN WHICH THE DEVELOPMENTS ARE UNPREDICTABLE.
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TIME
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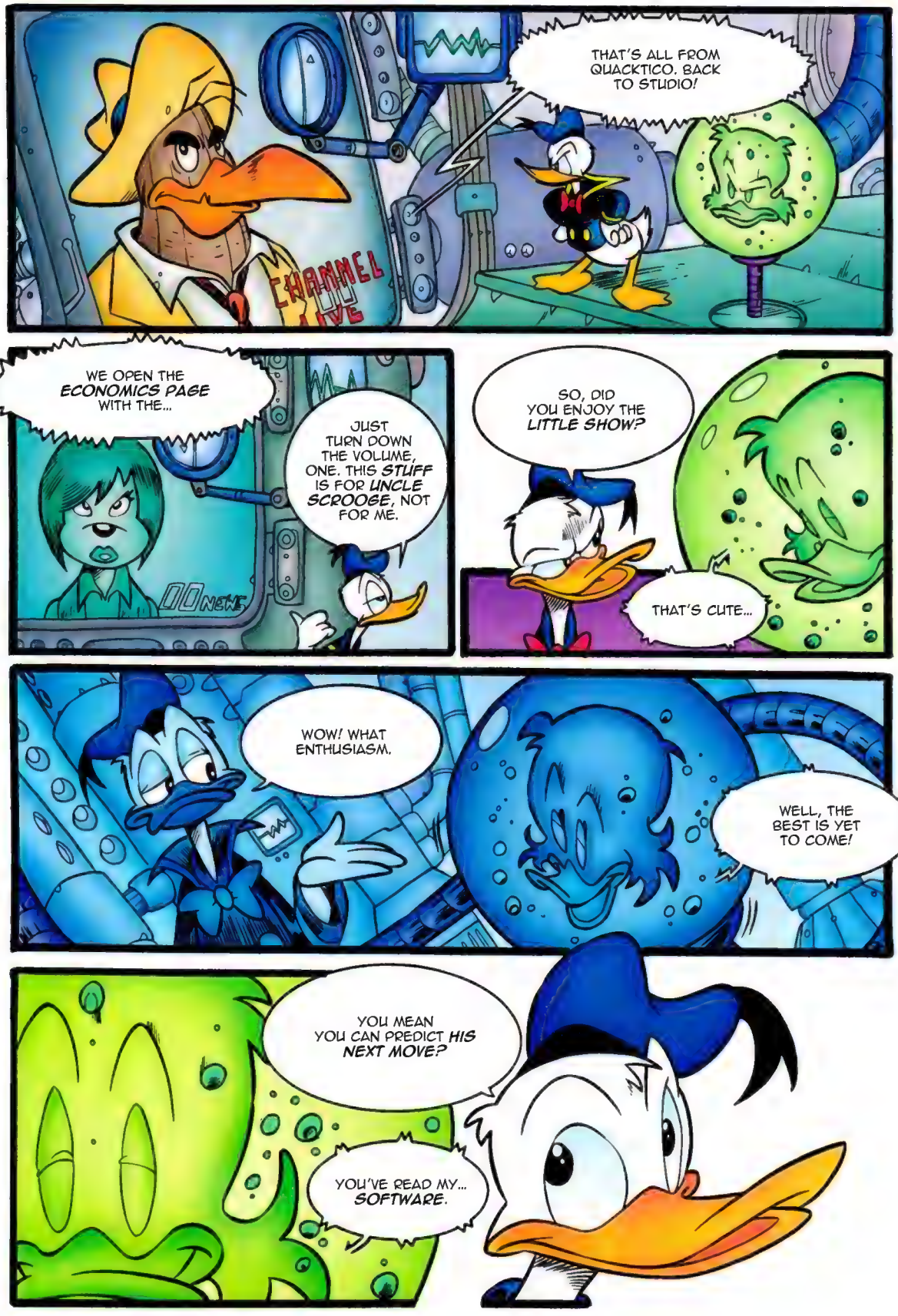
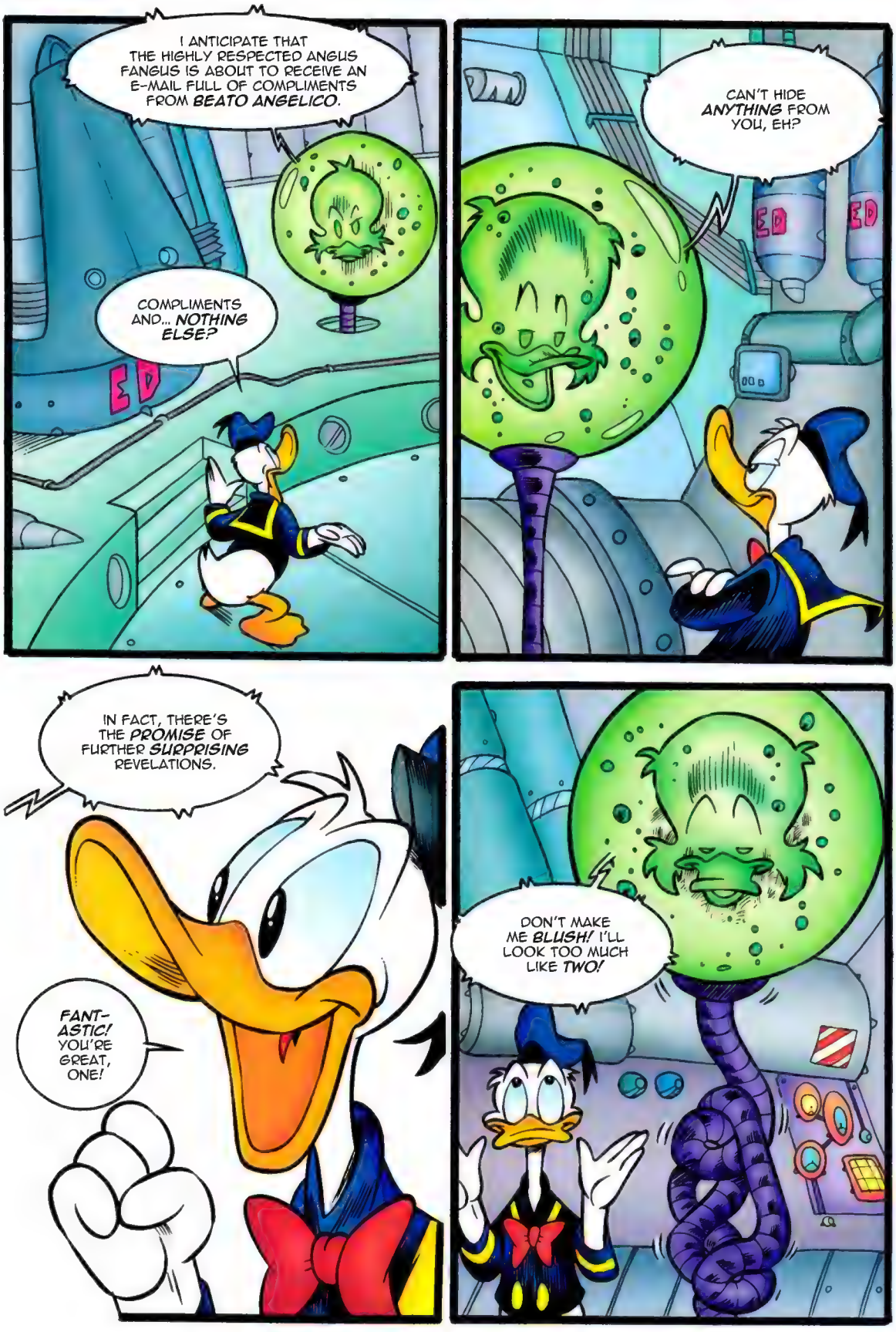

THAT'S ALL FROM QUACKTICO. BACK TO STUDIO!
CHANNEL FIVE
WE OPEN THE ECONOMICS PAGE WITH THE...
JUST TURN DOWN THE VOLUME, ONE. THIS STUFF IS FOR UNCLE SCROOGE, NOT FOR ME.
00 NEWS
SO, DID YOU ENJOY THE LITTLE SHOW?
THAT'S CUTE...
WOW! WHAT ENTHUSIASM.
WELL, THE BEST IS YET TO COME!
YOU MEAN YOU CAN PREDICT HIS NEXT MOVE?
YOU'VE READ MY... SOFTWARE.


I ANTICIPATE THAT THE HIGHLY RESPECTED ANGUS FANGUS IS ABOUT TO RECEIVE AN E-MAIL FULL OF COMPLIMENTS FROM BEATO ANGELICO.
COMPLIMENTS AND... NOTHING ELSE?
CAN'T HIDE ANYTHING FROM YOU, EH?
IN FACT, THERE'S THE PROMISE OF FURTHER SURPRISING REVELATIONS.
FANT-ASTIC! YOU'RE GREAT, ONE!
DON'T MAKE ME BLUSH! I'LL LOOK TOO MUCH LIKE TWO!

IF THIS REDACTION HAS SOMETHING TO LEARN, YOU CAN LEARN FROM ME.
YOU HEARD WHAT MITCHELL SAID YESTERDAY...
... AND MORRIGHAN HEARD IT TOO! RIGHT, MORRIGHAN?
BEATO
ANGELICO
THE DIVISION CHIEF OF THE PBI HIMSELF HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT'S MY MERIT. AM I RIGHT, MORRIGHAN?
HEY!
GYEH GYEH!
CRASH
SWISH
LESSON NUMBER ONE... BEWARE OF ENVIOUS COLLEAGUES!
LESSON NUMBER TWO... IF YOU EVER WORK WITH ANGUS, ATTEND A COURSE OF SELF-CONTROL FIRST!

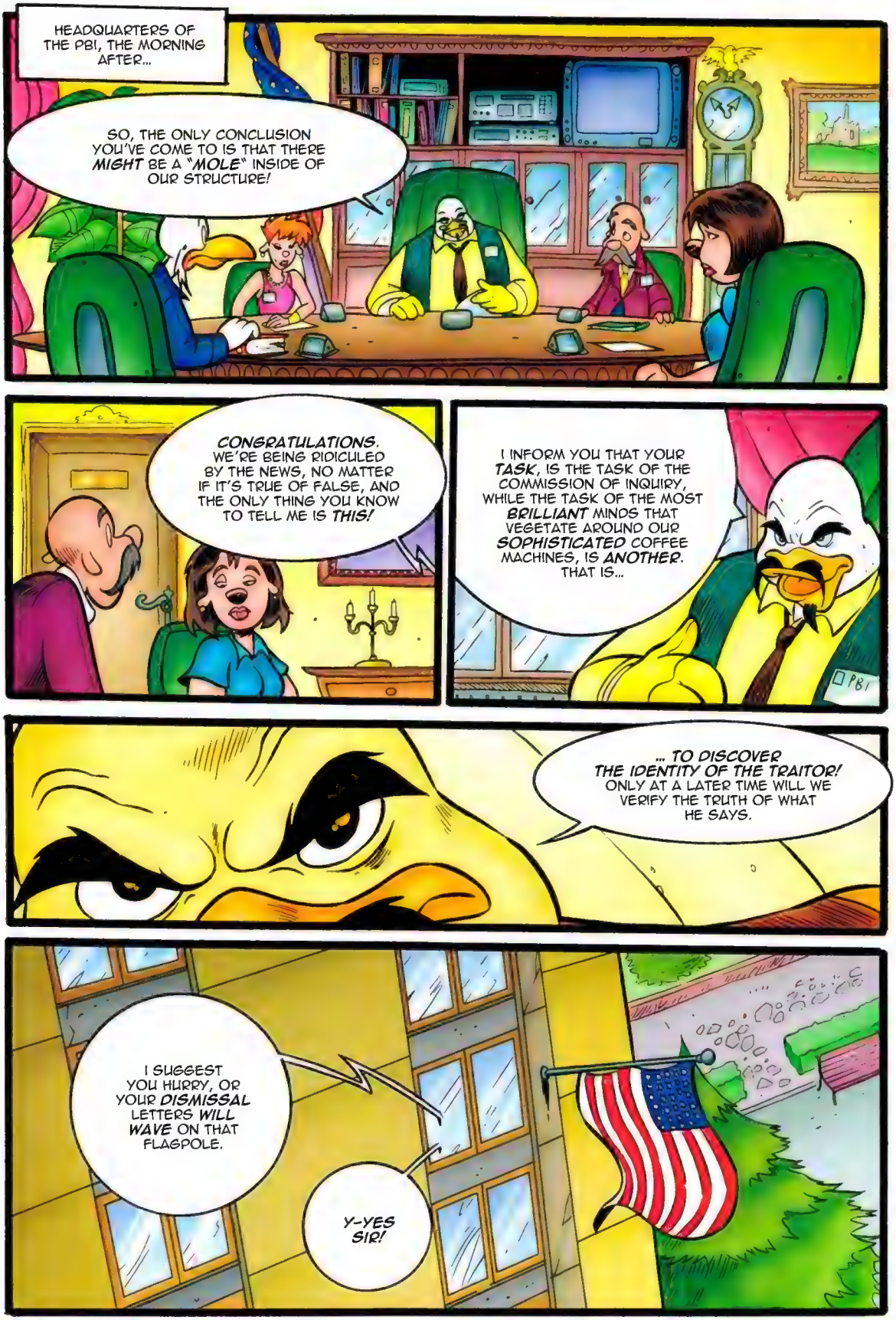
WHERE IS HE? WHERE'S ANGUS?
WELL, WELL! LOOK WHO'S HERE...
... THE NEARLY EX-LIEUTENANT FLAGSTARR!
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS!
I JUST DID MY JOB.
AND YOU DID IT WRONG!
THAT'S A QUESTION OF POINT OF VIEW.
THAT OF THE INNOCENT IS THE ONLY ONE THAT COUNTS!
I'M GONNA...
DON'T YOU DARE TOUCH HIM! HE'S GONNA LEAD THE NEWS!
I'M SAVED! GYEH GYEH!

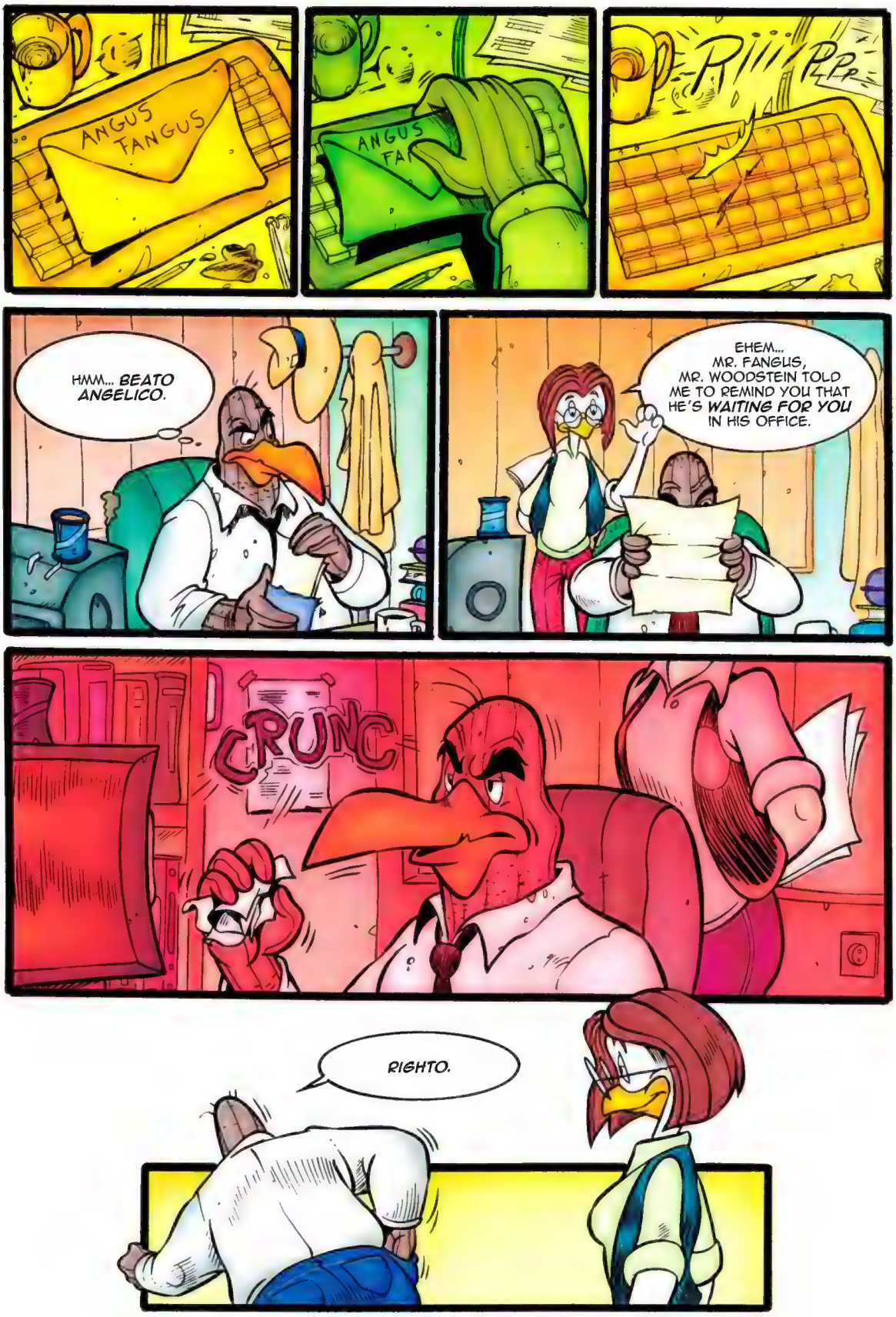
BUT WHO'S GONNA SAVE YOU? PERHAPS SOMEONE FROM ANOTHER PLANET?
LET ME THROUGH!
LET IT GO, MARY ANN! COME ON.
LISTEN TO HIS ADVICE AND TAKE A FEW DAYS OFF. YOU SEEM A LITTLE... NERVOUS!
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT? BACK TO WORK, IDLERS!
WHAT HAPPENED HERE, LYLA?
PROTESTS AGAINST ANGUS' ACTIVITIES. BUSINESS AS USUAL!
THAT GUY'S IMPOSSIBLE.
YEAH... HE MANAGES TO GET THROUGH EVERYONE!

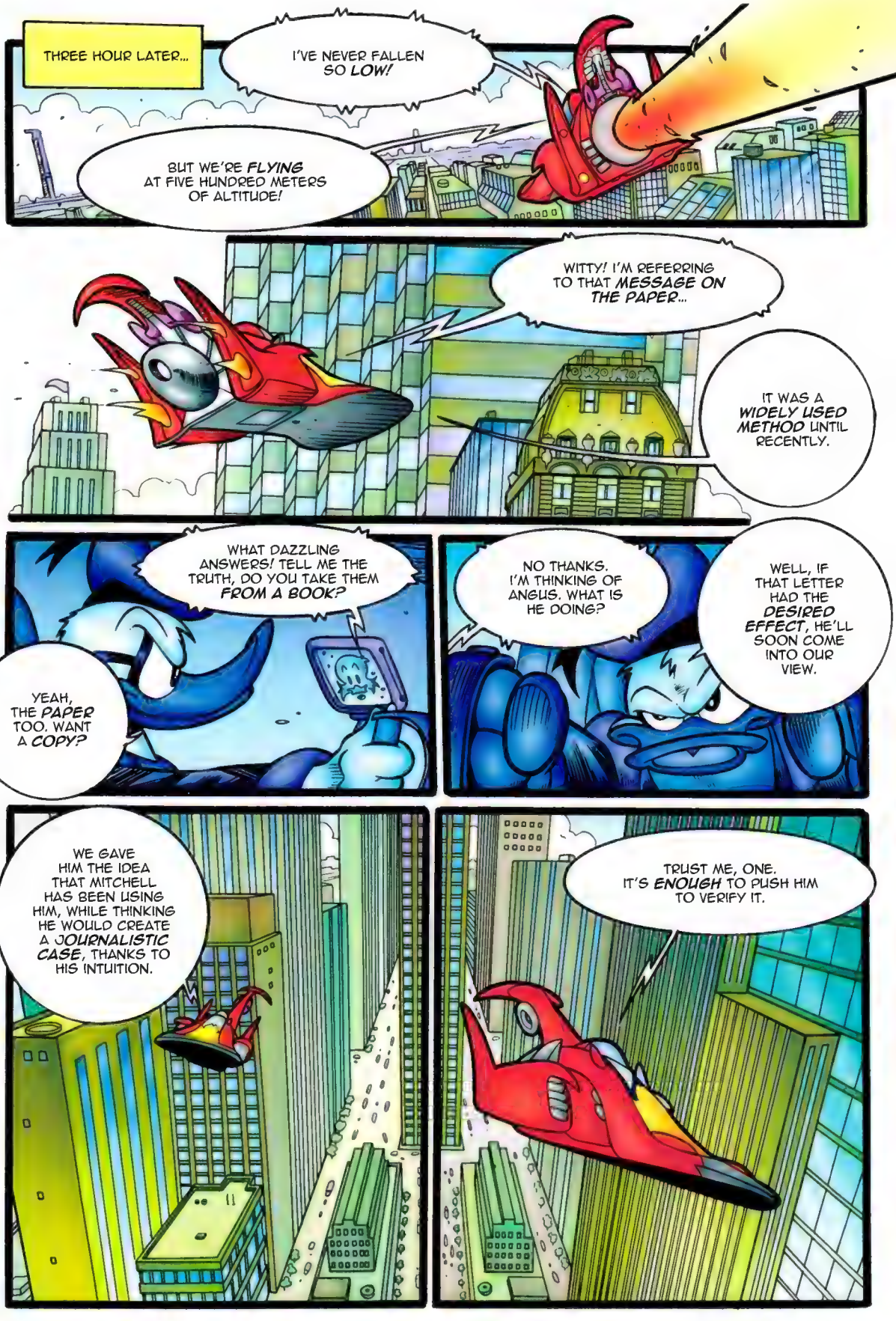
COFF... GLUB...
COFF COFF
CALM DOWN, MARY ANN!
I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE BITTER, BUT I'VE TOLD YOU... I DON'T WANT TO HAVE ANYTHING MORE TO DO WITH THE PBI.
THANKS. I KNEW I COULDN'T COUNT ON YOU!
AND WHERE ARE YOU GOING NOW? STOP!
MARY ANN! I DIDN'T MEAN...
YOU'RE FORGETTING SOMETHING, FRIEND.
SGRUNT! HERE!
THANKS!
THERE WERE DAYS WERE NO ONE TRIED THE FAKE QUARREL TRICK TO SNEAK OFF WITHOUT PAYING.

MARY ANN! COME BACK!
TJUANA FOOD
MARY ANN!
HUH?!
SAVE YOUR BREATH!

WOOO


HEADQUARTERS OF THE PBI, THE MORNING AFTER...
SO, THE ONLY CONCLUSION YOU'VE COME TO IS THAT THERE *MIGHT* BE A "*MOLE*" INSIDE OF OUR STRUCTURE!
CONGRATULATIONS. WE'RE BEING RIDICULED BY THE NEWS, NO MATTER IF IT'S TRUE OF FALSE, AND THE ONLY THING YOU KNOW TO TELL ME IS *THIS!*
I INFORM YOU THAT YOUR *TASK*, IS THE TASK OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY, WHILE THE TASK OF THE MOST *BRILLIANT* MINDS THAT VEGETATE AROUND OUR *SOPHISTICATED* COFFEE MACHINES, IS *ANOTHER*. THAT IS...
PBI
... *TO DISCOVER THE IDENTITY OF THE TRAITOR!* ONLY AT A LATER TIME WILL WE VERIFY THE TRUTH OF WHAT HE SAYS.
I SUGGEST YOU HURRY, OR YOUR *DISMISSAL* LETTERS *WILL WAVE* ON THAT FLAGPOLE.
Y-YES SIR!


ANGUS FANGUS
ANGUS FA
RIIIPPP
HMM... BEATO ANGELICO.
EHEM... MR. FANGUS, MR. WOODSTEIN TOLD ME TO REMIND YOU THAT HE'S WAITING FOR YOU IN HIS OFFICE.
CRUNC
RIGHTO.


THREE HOUR LATER...
I'VE NEVER FALLEN SO *LOW!*
BUT WE'RE *FLYING* AT FIVE HUNDRED METERS OF ALTITUDE!
WITTY! I'M REFERRING TO THAT *MESSAGE ON THE PAPER*...
IT WAS A *WIDELY USED METHOD* UNTIL RECENTLY.
WHAT DAZZLING ANSWERS! TELL ME THE TRUTH, DO YOU TAKE THEM *FROM A BOOK?*
YEAH, THE *PAPER* TOO. WANT A *COPY?*
NO THANKS. I'M THINKING OF ANGUS. WHAT IS HE DOING?
WELL, IF THAT LETTER HAD THE *DESIRED EFFECT*, HE'LL SOON COME INTO OUR VIEW.
WE GAVE HIM THE IDEA THAT MITCHELL HAS BEEN USING HIM, WHILE THINKING HE WOULD CREATE A *JOURNALISTIC CASE*, THANKS TO HIS INTUITION.
TRUST ME, ONE. IT'S *ENOUGH* TO PUSH HIM TO VERIFY IT.

TUNNEL
PCB!
LEAD THE WAY, MITCHELL!
HE HE! TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I?
GREAT! WE KNOW THEIR DESTINATION. WE CAN *PRECEDE THEM!*
ALRIGHT!
WOAH! WHAT HAVE YOU PUT IN THE TANK? *DYNAMITE?!*
MORE OR LESS...
FWOOMP

VROOM
VROOM
YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO TURN BACK, CAPTAIN.
DON'T EVEN THINK THAT, LIEUTENANT! I TOO WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ANGUS' SOURCES.
ALRIGHT. LET'S GO, THEN!
TLACK
SCREEK
VROARR

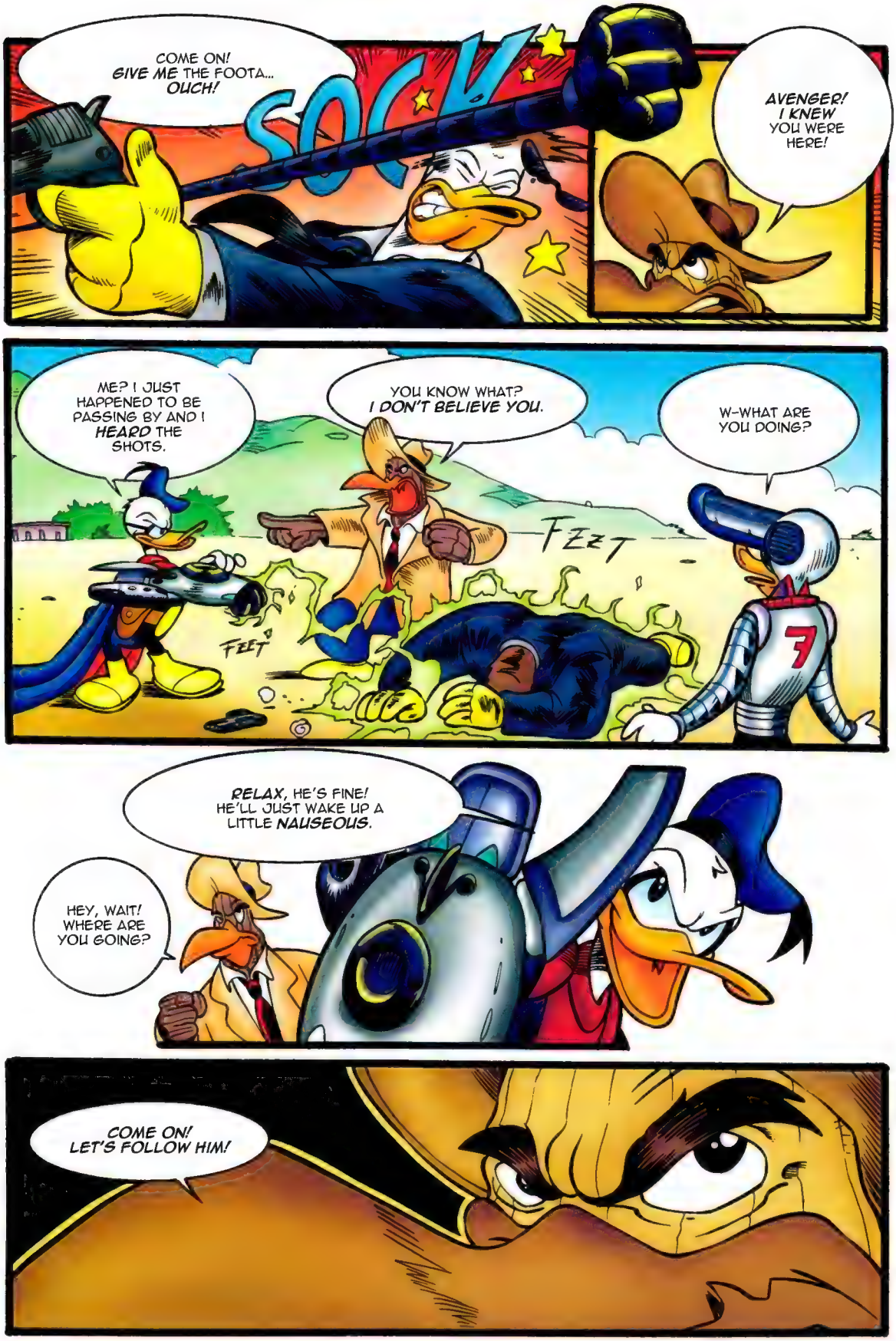
EX-INDUSTRIAL ZONE RUST BELT, ONE HOUR LATER.
THEY'RE COMING. BUT... THERE'S ONE CAR TOO MANY!
WHAT'S THAT STUBBORN GIRL DOING HERE?
THINK ABOUT IT LATER. FOCUS ON THE MAIN OBJECTIVES!
HEY! THEY'VE DISAPPEARED!

WELCOME, BEATO ANGELICO!
I SALUTE YOU, MASTER!
I GREATLY APPRECIATE THE RESULTS OF YOUR SPREADING WORK.
THANK YOU, MASTER.
FOLLOW ME. OUR BROTHERS HAVE PREPARED OTHER MATERIAL OF AN ALIEN RACE WHO'S BEEN TRYING TO INVADE EARTH FOR SOME TIME.
POOR FOOLS! STILL PLAYING WITH FLYING SAUCERS. I'M JUST WONDERING WHERE THEY GET THE IMAGES I'VE BEEN PROVIDED.
THEIR INGENUITY IS COMPARABLE ONLY TO THE TRUST THEY HAVE IN ME! I'M ALMOST, ALMOST ASHAMED OF EXPLOITING THEM LIKE THAT!

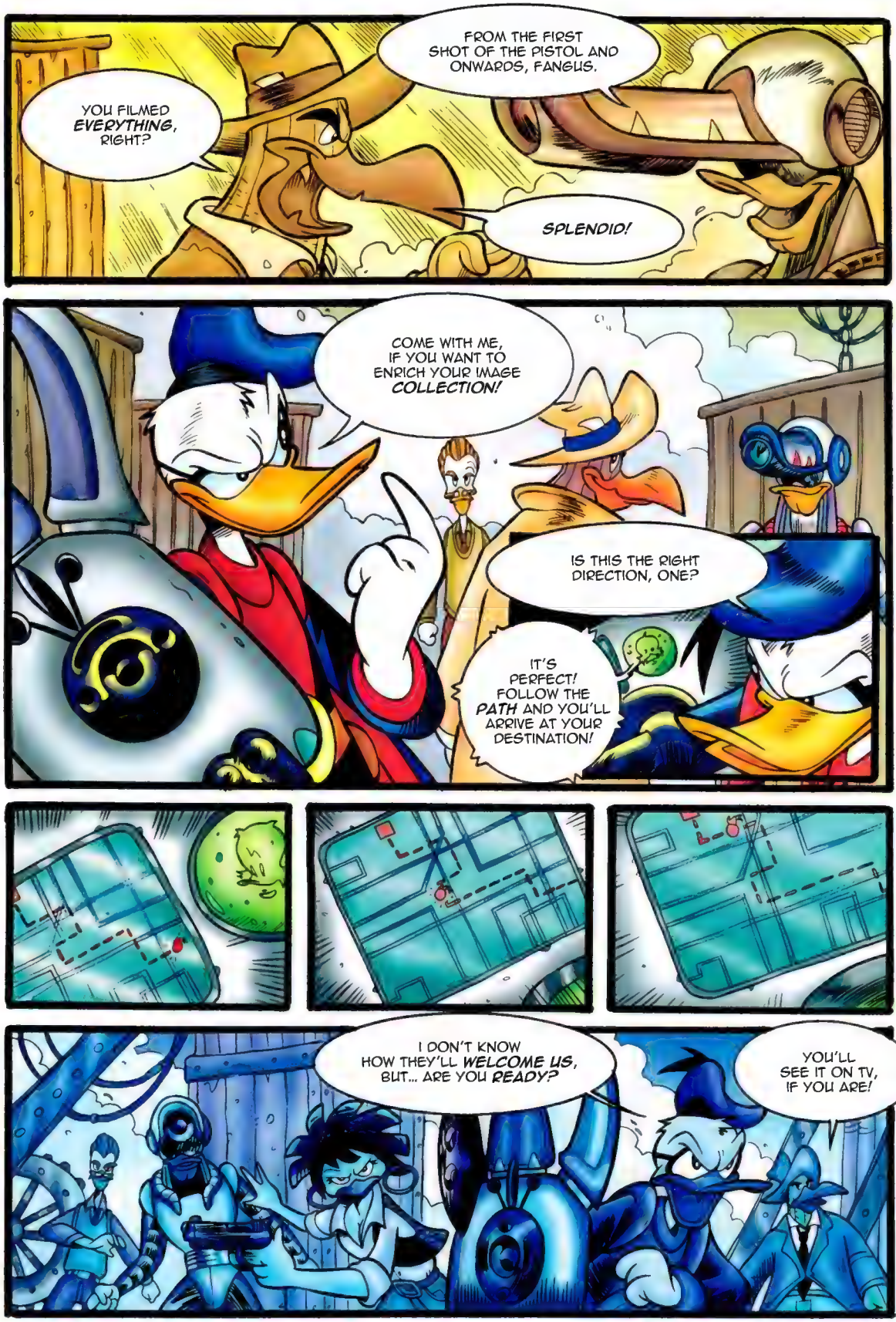
MITCHELL?! I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
WELL, WELL...
LOOK WHAT I FOUND!
HOW CUTE! IT'S ONE OF THOSE LITTLE CREATURES WHO NEVER WANDER AROUND BY THEMSELVES, RIGHT?
RIGHT?
HAVE YOU LOST THE GIFT OF SPEECH? I KNOW MANY WAYS TO MAKE IT COME BACK!
LEAVE HIM ALONE. I'M HERE.

YOU KNOW WHAT'S NICE WHEN YOU'RE SUSPENDED FROM DUTY? THAT YOU CAN'T WALK AROUND ARMED!
HA HA!
NOT WITH GUNS, ANYWAYS, BUT SOMETHING MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE!
06:55
LIKE A CAMERA, FOR EXAMPLE! GYEH GYEH!
BANG
BANG
WHY DID YOU LET THEM SEE YOU?
BECAUSE I LOVE DANGER, BUT ABOVE ALL HAVING A GOOD SOUNDTRACK FOR THE SCENE!
KEEP HOLDING THEM AT GUNPOINT! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE OTHERS!
OKAY!

WE HAVE ENOUGH MATERIAL TO PUT MITCHELL IN DEEP TROUBLE!
YEAH, WHILE WE'VE MANAGED TO PUT OURSELVES IN TROUBLE!
BANG
STOP!
SORRY, BUT WE'RE EXPECTED FOR A PICNIC!
BANG BANG
OH NO! NOW WHAT?
CRUNCH
BLAM
NOW, YOU BEHAVE YOURSELVES!


COME ON! GIVE ME THE FOOTA... OUCH!
SOCK
AVENGER! I KNEW YOU WERE HERE!
ME? I JUST HAPPENED TO BE PASSING BY AND I HEARD THE SHOTS.
YOU KNOW WHAT? I DON'T BELIEVE YOU.
W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
FZZT
FEET
RELAX, HE'S FINE! HE'LL JUST WAKE UP A LITTLE NAUSEOUS.
HEY, WAIT! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
COME ON! LET'S FOLLOW HIM!

I ADVISE AGAINST TAKING ANOTHER STEP!
ACCEPT ADVISES MORE OFTEN!
BANG
BANG
BANG
ZIP
ZIP
ZIP
HEY! WHAT IS...
OUFF!
TUMP
SMASH
GOOD WORK, LIEUTENANT!
MY PROJECTION COULDN'T HAVE DONE BETTER!
HOW NICE!


FROM THE FIRST SHOT OF THE PISTOL AND ONWARDS, FANGUS.
YOU FILMED *EVERYTHING*, RIGHT?
SPLENDID!
COME WITH ME, IF YOU WANT TO ENRICH YOUR IMAGE *COLLECTION!*
IS THIS THE RIGHT DIRECTION, ONE?
IT'S PERFECT! FOLLOW THE *PATH* AND YOU'LL ARRIVE AT YOUR DESTINATION!
I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY'LL *WELCOME US*, BUT... ARE YOU *READY?*
YOU'LL SEE IT ON TV, IF YOU ARE!

THERE'S NO DOORBELL, SO...
WTF
HELLO, EVERYONE! ARE WE DISTURBING?
DUCK AVENGER?!
BE CAREFUL! HE MIGHT BE IN THE COMPANY OF ALIENS!
WE'VE BEEN DISCOVERED!
GET THE MATERIAL TO SAFETY!

YOU CAN'T DO THIS, AGENT NIMROD AND FLAGSTARR! YOU'RE SUSPENDED FROM DUTY!
I RESTORE THEIR RANKS MYSELF! KEEP THEM AT GUNPOINT, MARY ANN!
WITH PLEASURE, DUCK AVENGER!
ON
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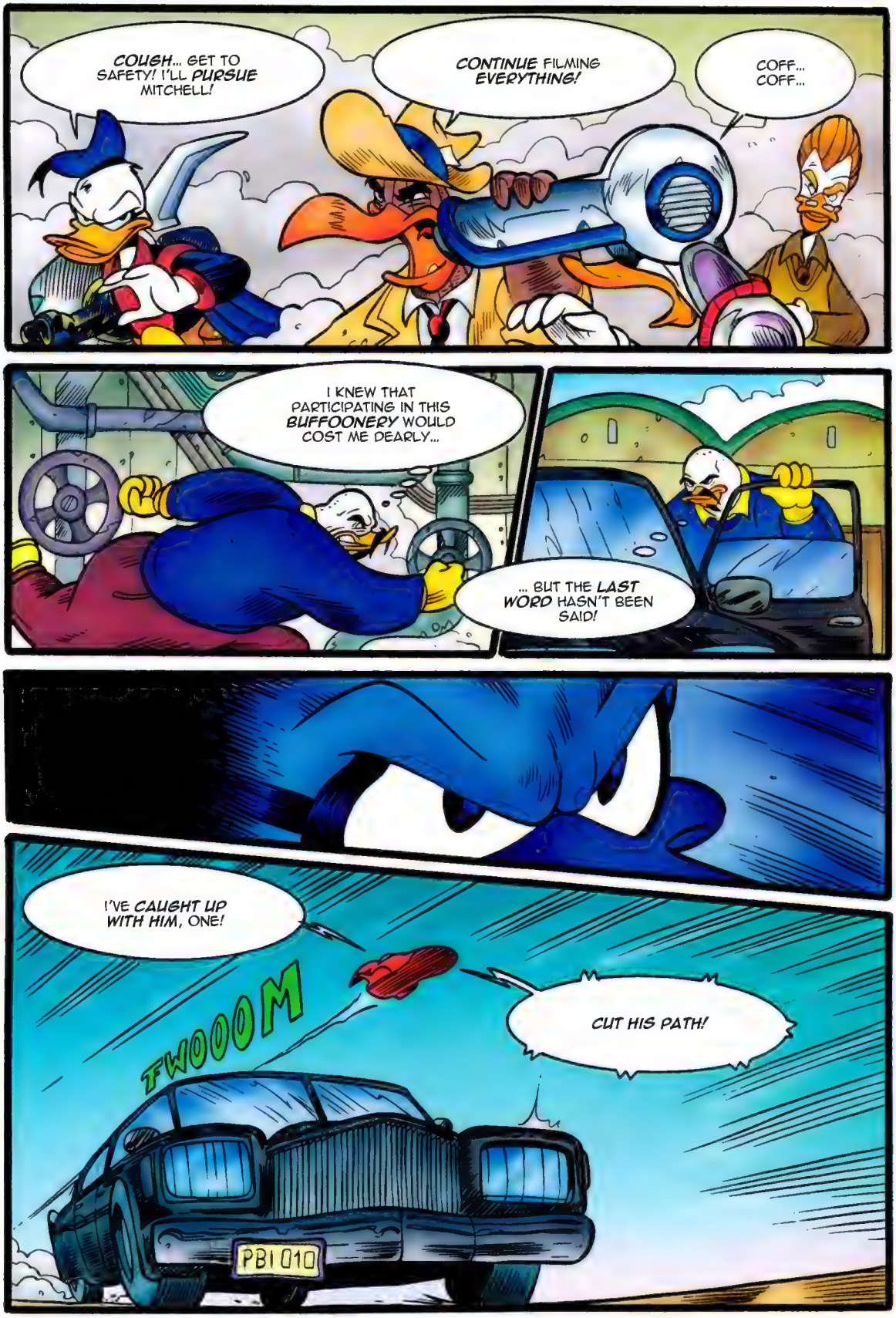
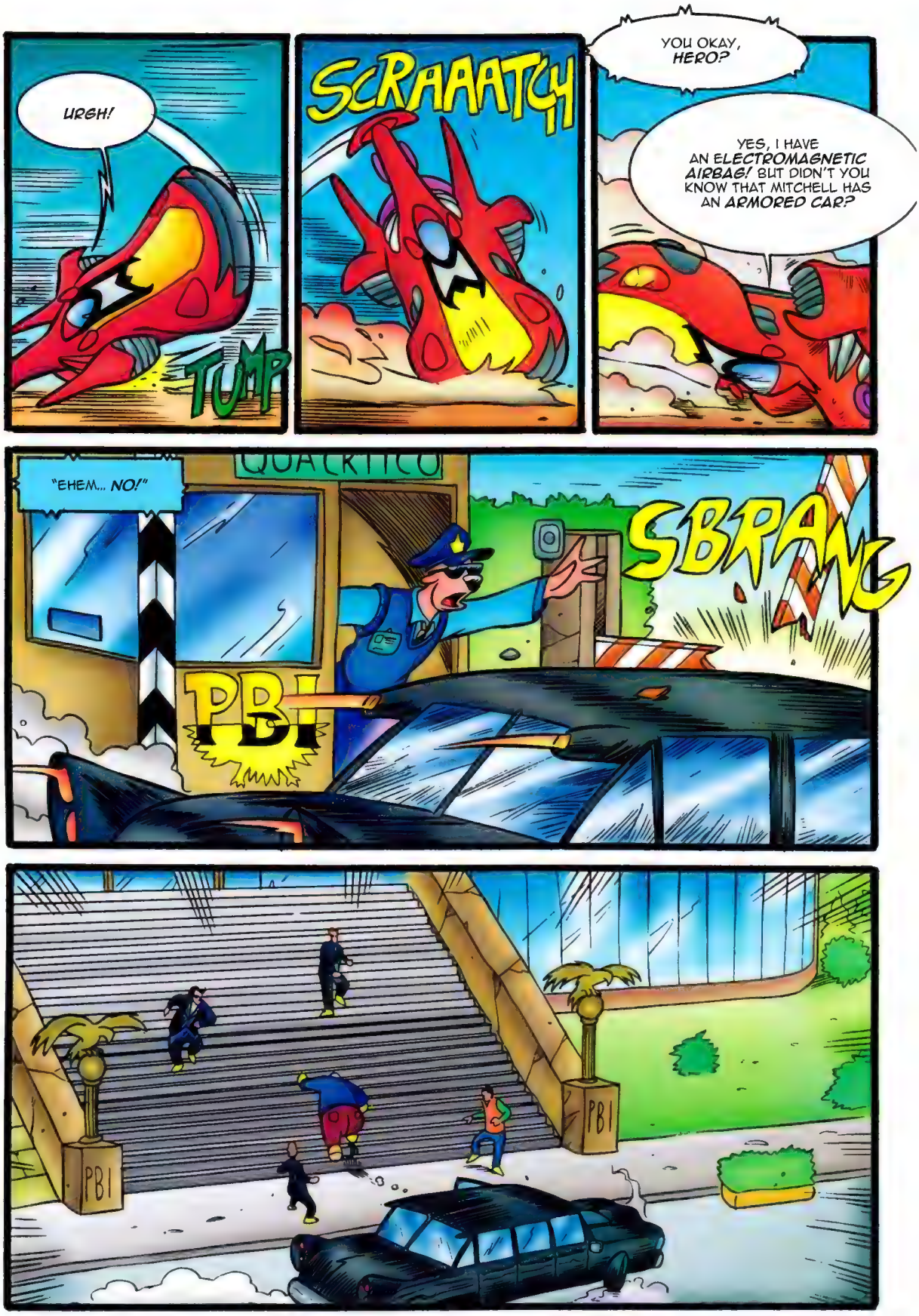
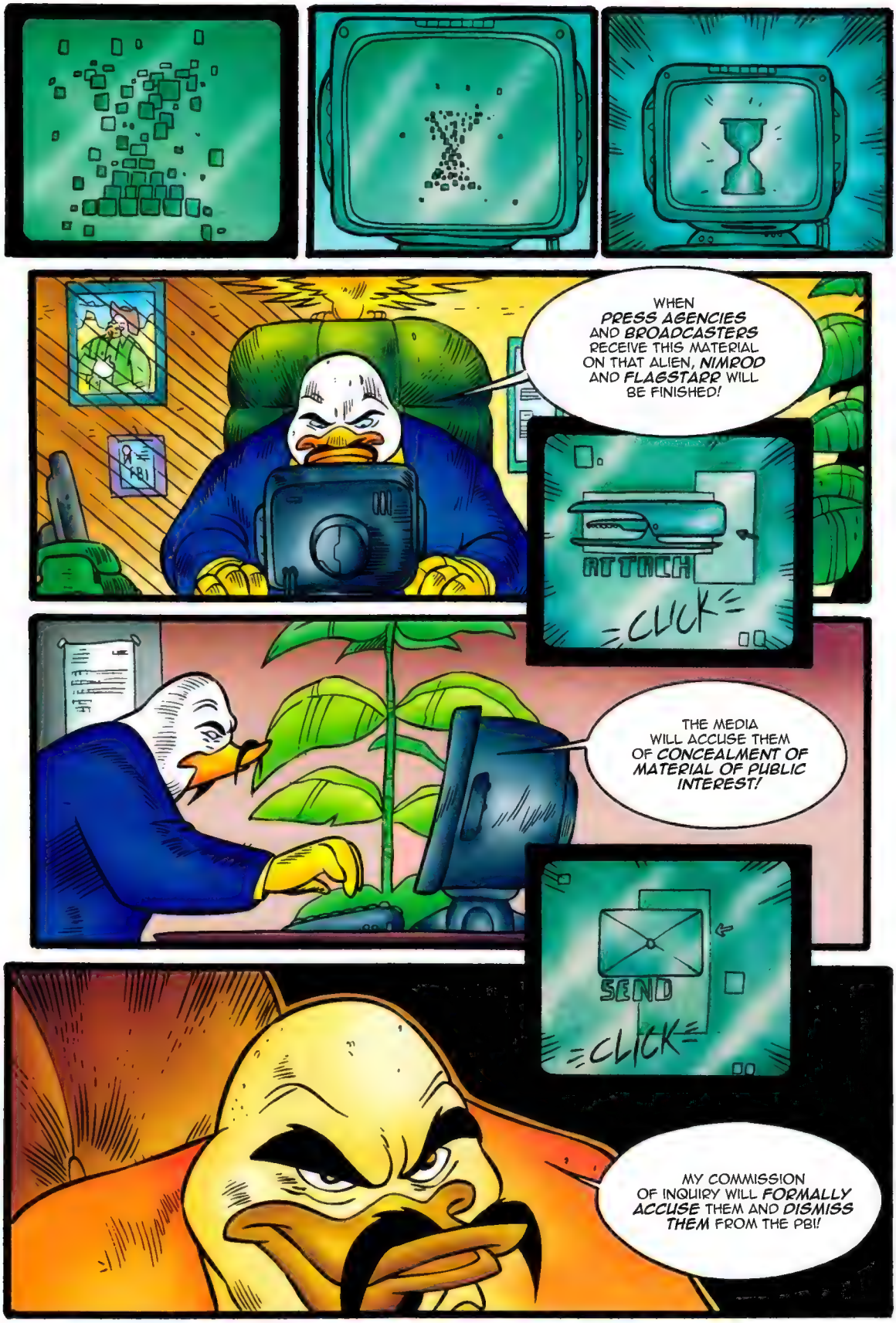
NO! THE INCENDIARY MICROBOMBS! I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED IT!
BOOM


COUGH... GET TO SAFETY! I'LL PURSUE MITCHELL!
CONTINUE FILMING EVERYTHING!
COFF... COFF...
I KNEW THAT PARTICIPATING IN THIS BUFFOONERY WOULD COST ME DEARLY...
... BUT THE LAST WORD HASN'T BEEN SAID!
I'VE CAUGHT UP WITH HIM, ONE!
TWOOOM
CUT HIS PATH!
PBI 010

GOT IT!
WOOSH
CRASH

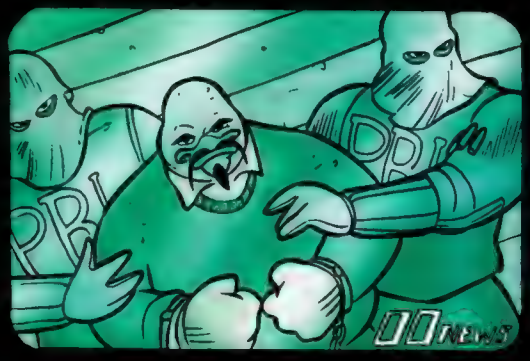

URGH!
TUMP
SCRAAATCH
YOU OKAY, HERO?
YES, I HAVE AN ELECTROMAGNETIC AIRBAG! BUT DIDN'T YOU KNOW THAT MITCHELL HAS AN ARMORED CAR?
"EHEM... NO!"
SBRANG
PBI
PBI
PBI


WHEN PRESS AGENCIES AND BROADCASTERS RECEIVE THIS MATERIAL ON THAT ALIEN, NIMROD AND FLAGSTARR WILL BE FINISHED!
FBI
ATTACH
=CLICK=
THE MEDIA WILL ACCUSE THEM OF CONCEALMENT OF MATERIAL OF PUBLIC INTEREST!
SEND
=CLICK=
MY COMMISSION OF INQUIRY WILL FORMALLY ACCUSE THEM AND DISMISS THEM FROM THE PBI!

MAYBE I'LL EVEN BE ABLE TO GET THEM STAYING IN PRISON FOR A FEW YEARS! HE HE!
CRASH
YEAH! MAYBE YOU'LL BE STAYING A BIT TOGETHER!
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST, MITCHELL!

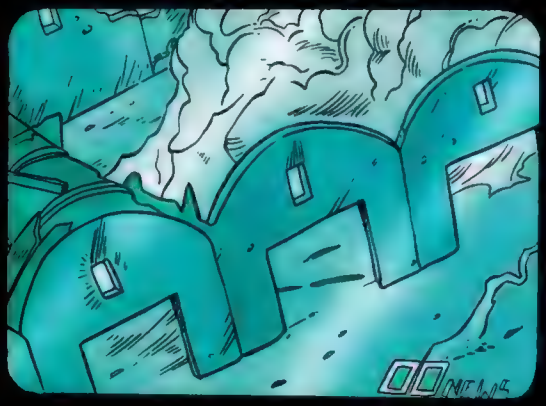
TWENTY-FOUR HOURS LATER...
MITCHELL WAS AFFILIATED WITH THAT GANG AND TRIED TO DISCREDIT YOU, BECAUSE YOU DISCOVERED THAT HE TRAFFICKED RESERVED INFORMATION.
PBI
STOP
ALMA L. COURIER
DIRECTOR
BUT THEN...
YEAH. YOUR INVESTIGATION WAS ONE STEP AWAY FROM THE TRUTH AND HE HAD NOTICED THIS, SO HE LAUNCHED THOSE RIDICULOUS ACCUSATIONS.
I DIDN'T AGREE ON YOUR SUSPENSION FROM DUTY, BUT I WANTED TO CATCH MITCHELL COMMITTING A CRIME.
I OFFER MY APOLOGIES, BUT I COULDN'T ACT OTHERWISE. I ALSO HAD TO CONFIRM MY OWN... SPECIAL CONSULTANT.
THE PBI NEEDS AGENTS LIKE YOU!
THANK YOU, MA'AM.
FROM THIS MOMENT YOU ARE REINSTATED TO DUTY.
WE WON'T DISAPPOINT YOU.

HEY! THERE'S SOMEONE WHO'S WAITING FOR US! AND THAT SOMEONE SHOULD HAVE GIVEN US SOME EXPLANATIONS BEFOREHAND.
IN FACT, I THINK THAT SOMEONE HAS ARRANGED EVERYTHING TOGETHER WITH A CERTAIN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE!
OFFICE
SORRY IF I DON'T STOP, BUT I HAVE A SUSPENDED DINNER WITH MY BROTHER.
EXCUSE HER, DUCK AVENGER. MARY ANN THINKS YOU'VE BETRAYED HER TRUST.
EXIT
I KNOW, BUT...
SAY NO MORE. SHE'LL GET OVER IT.
IN ANY CASE... THANKS.



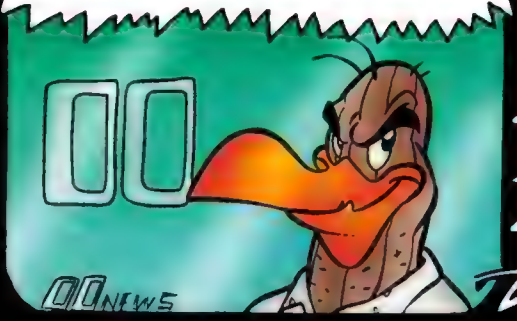
IMPLICATED IN TRAFFICKING ***TOP SECRET*** INFORMATION, DIVISION CHIEF ***MITCHELL*** OF THE PBI HAS BEEN ***ARRESTED***. INTERROGATIONS PROCEED AT A RAPID PACE TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE ACCOMPLICES.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION HE WAS AFFILIATED WITH HAVE DISAPPEARED INTO THIN AIR, ***LITERALLY LEAVING SCORCHED EARTH BEHIND THEM.***



CLEARED OF THE ACCUSATIONS CREATED BY MITCHELL TO OBSTRUCT THE INVESTIGATION INTO HIM, CAPTAIN ***NIMROD*** AND LIEUTENANT ***FLAGSTARR*** ARE BACK IN DUTY, AFTER RECEIVING AN ***OFFICIAL APOLOGY*** FROM THE PBI.

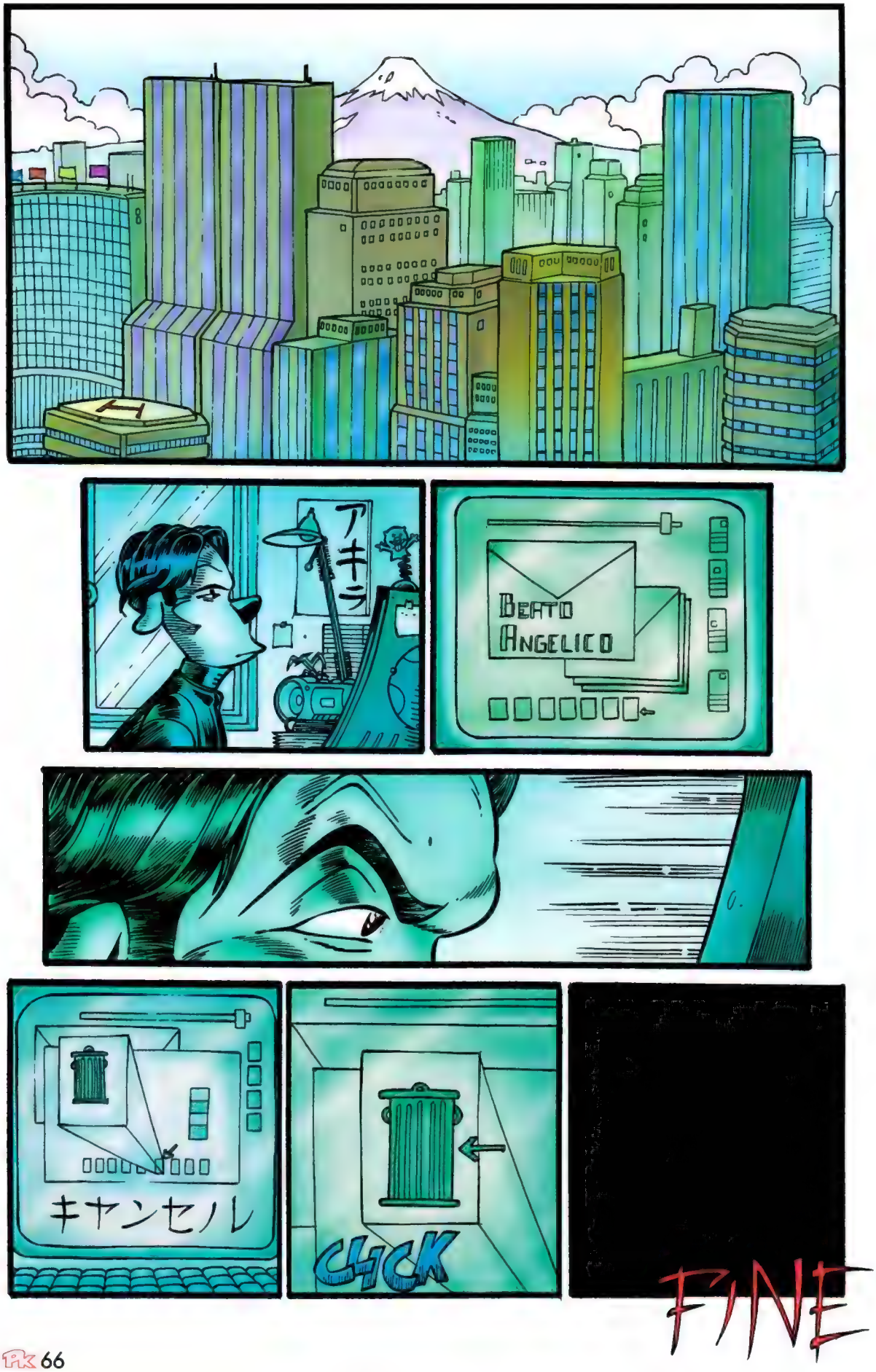
A ***SIGNIFICANT ROLE*** IN THE EVENTS WAS SUPPORTED BY MITCHELL'S ***BODYGUARDS***, THEM TOO ENDING UP IN A COLD PLACE. THE PRESS SECRETARY, HOWEVER, WAS FOUND TO BE ENTIRELY ***UNCONNECTED*** WITH THE FACTS.



AND THE ***TRUTH***, UNTIL THE LAST DROP, HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY YOUR ***ANGUS FANGUS***, WHO WISHES YOU A GOOD EVENING...

... AND OFFERS DRINKS TO EVERYONE! COME UP WITH YOUR GLASSES! YOU TOO, DUCK!
HEY, MORRIGHAN! ARE YOU GONNA CELEBRATE WITH US?
GYEH GYEH!
SWISH
CRASH
OH NO! AGAIN?!
C-CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION, MR. FANGUS?
GO AHEAD, TOD.
EHEM... WHY DIDN'T YOU BRING UP THAT FAMOUS IMAGE OF THAT ALIEN CREATURE THAT...
YOU AMAZE ME, TOD. IT WAS FAKE! MITCHELL, AKA BEATO ANGELICO, HAD GIVEN IT TO ME TO... ENTICE ME AND I LET HIM DO IT.
I KNEW IT WAS A PHOTO-MONTAGE! HE HE!
GYEH GYEH! YOU'VE IN THE STONE AGE, DUCK! THAT WAS A DIGITAL IMAGE, ENTIRELY CONSTRUCTED ON A COMPUTER. YOU KNOW, ONE OF THOSE MACHINES WITH A SCREEN...
INCREDIBLE! I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT COMPUTERS AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCES...

WELL, YOU'RE SINCERE, IF NOTHING ELSE.
IT'S ONLY ONE OF MY NUMEROUS QUALITIES!
AND NOW I DESERVE A LITTLE REST! WAKE ME UP THEN THE SAND HAS GONE... ALL THE WAY DOWN.
WAIT A MOMENT. FIRST YOU MUST TELL ME WHY ANGUS DIDN'T MENTION THE AVENGER.
FOR DISCRETION. I ASKED HIM NOT TO DO IT AND ANGUS WAS HAPPY TO OBLIGE. AND TAKE ALL OF THE GLORY.
HEY, BY THE WAY... WHERE DID THE MATERIAL MITCHELL SENT BEFORE HE WAS ARRESTED END UP? THERE WERE ENTIRE GIGABYTES OF IMAGES OF XADHOOM!
WELL, I TOOK CARE OF THAT.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BEATO ANGELICO
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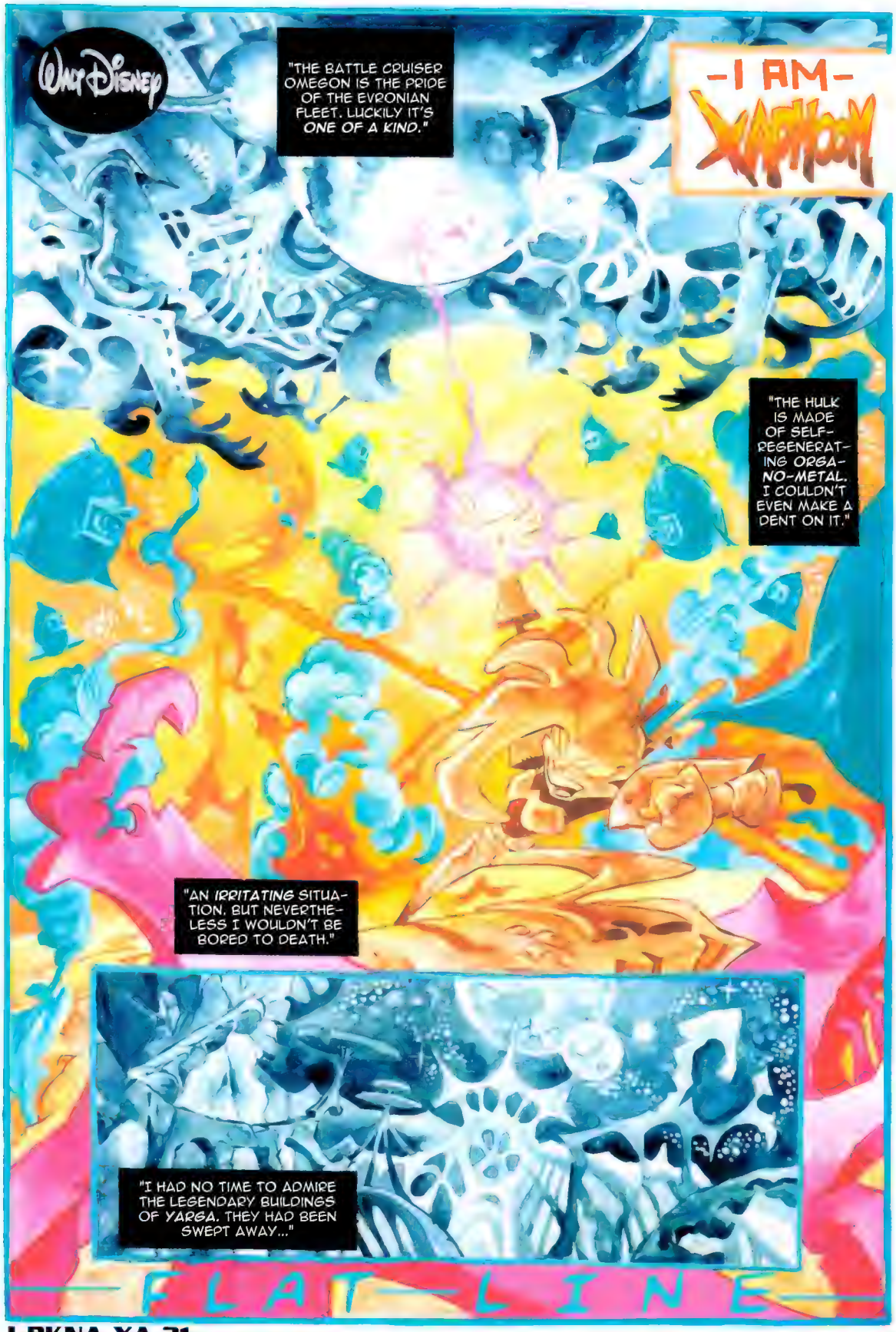
Walt Disney
"THE BATTLE CRUISER OMEGON IS THE PRIDE OF THE EVRONIAN FLEET. LUCKILY IT'S ONE OF A KIND."
-I AM-
XARTOON
"THE HULK IS MADE OF SELF-REGENERATING ORGA-NO-METAL. I COULDN'T EVEN MAKE A DENT ON IT."
"AN IRRITATING SITUATION. BUT NEVERTHELESS I WOULDN'T BE BORED TO DEATH."
"I HAD NO TIME TO ADMIRE THE LEGENDARY BUILDINGS OF YARGA. THEY HAD BEEN SWEPT AWAY..."
FLAT LINE

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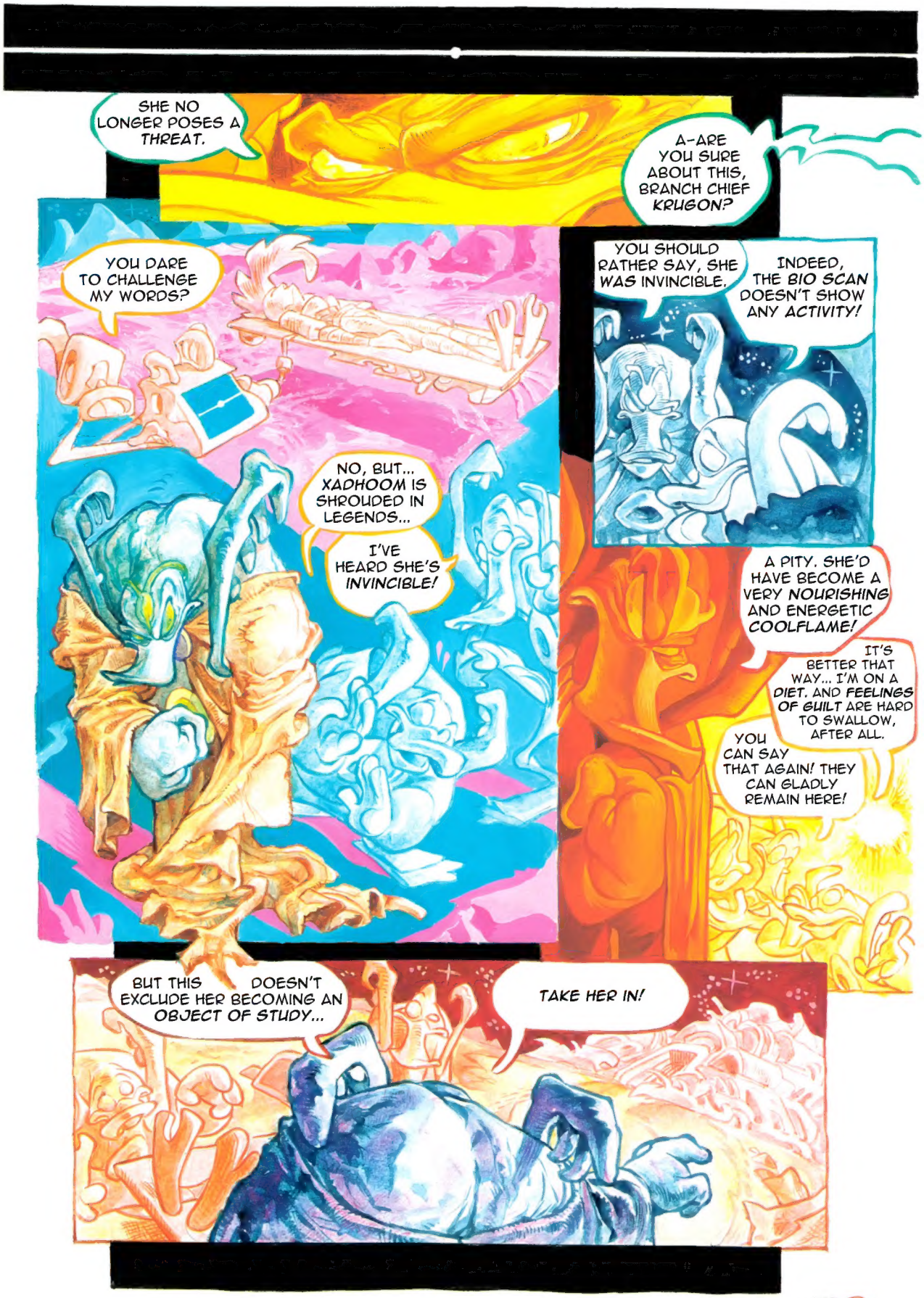
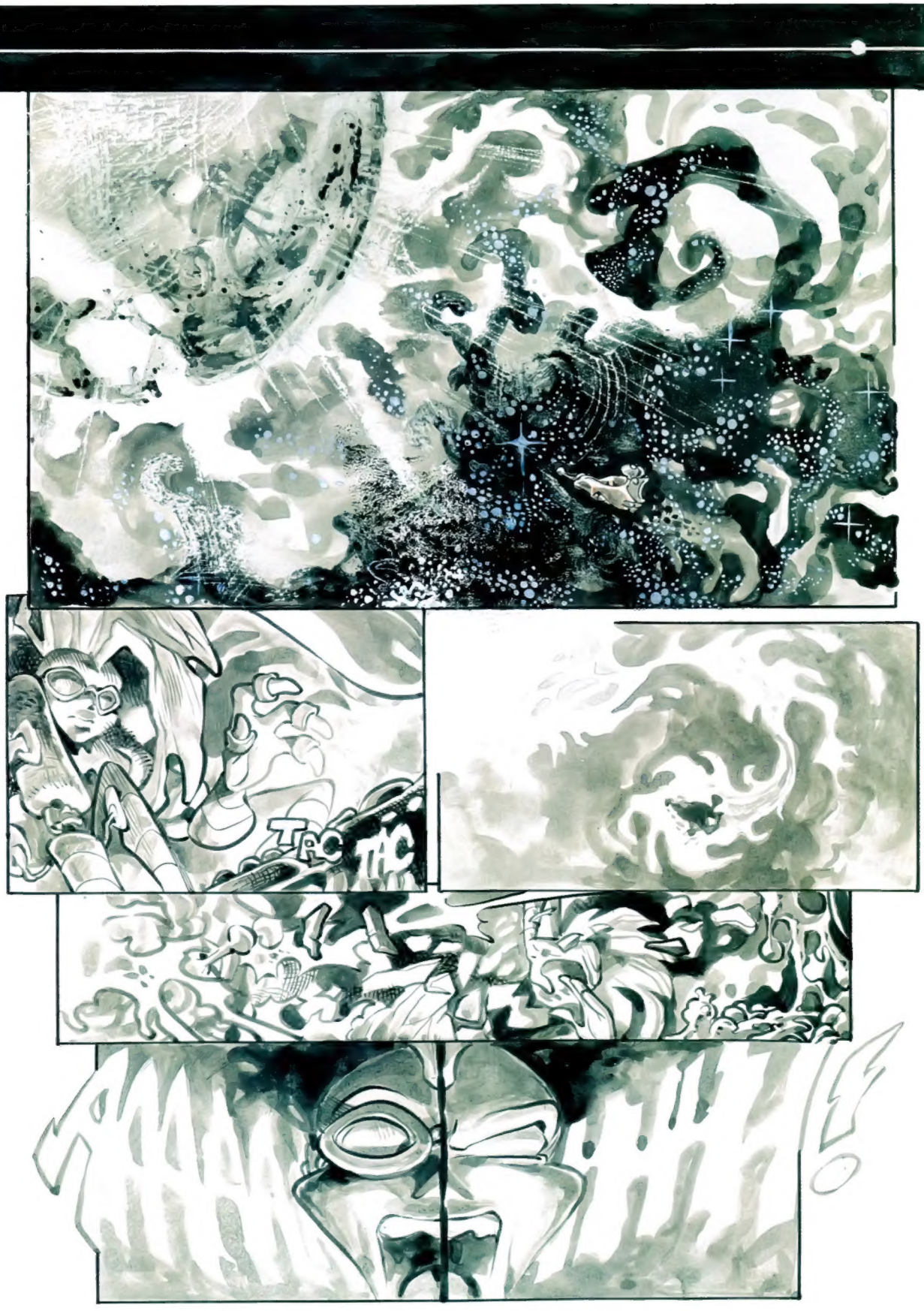
HEY, BOYS! IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY...
THAT'S HOW IT'S DONE!
"EACH TIME I FOUGHT OFF ONE OF THESE EGG-CAPSULES..."
"...TWO OTHERS WERE READY TO TAKE ITS PLACE."
"AND ALL THEY DID WAS DISTRACT ME FROM MY TRUE AND ONLY TARGET..."
SHAM

"..DESTROYING THIS MONSTROSITY, TO AVENGE YARGA!"
AAAH!
"MY MOST POWERFUL BLOW RECOILED LIKE A PING-PONG BALL (A TERRESTRIAL GAME)..."
OPS... I DIDN'T MEAN TO!
"MOMENTS LATER THE ORGANO-METAL HAD ALREADY REGENERATED ITSELF. THERE DIDN'T EVEN REMAIN A TRACE OF MY EXPLOSIVE RAY ON THE HULK."
MY SELF ESTEEM, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAD RECEIVED A FEW DENTS."

EHM... I DON'T LIKE THIS "BZZZZZZ".
BZZZZZ
"OBVIOUSLY I WASN'T MISTAKEN."
BZZZZZZ

XADO...
XARI! I DIDN'T HEAR YOU ENTER...
YOU WERE TOO CONCENTRATED TO NOTICE ME. AS ALWAYS...
DID YOU COME TO ASK ME ANOTHER TIME TO LEAVE IT BE?
YOU COULD JUST POSTPONE IT. IT'S DANGEROUS, BUT SINCE YOU AREN'T WORRIED ABOUT YOURSELF...
...THINK AT LEAST OF YOUR PLANET.
EVERYTHING I'M WORKING ON IS FOR THE FUTURE OF XERBA.
BUT WE NEED YOU HERE AND NOW! THE VISITORS WILL ARRIVE SOON IN THEIR SPACECRAFTS!
OH, XARI, HOW OFTEN DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU...
"...THAT THE EVRONIANS DON'T POSE A THREAT?"


SHE NO LONGER POSES A THREAT.
A-ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, BRANCH CHIEF KRUGON?
YOU DARE TO CHALLENGE MY WORDS?
NO, BUT... XADHOOM IS SHROUDED IN LEGENDS...
I'VE HEARD SHE'S INVINCIBLE!
YOU SHOULD RATHER SAY, SHE WAS INVINCIBLE.
INDEED, THE BIO SCAN DOESN'T SHOW ANY ACTIVITY!
A PITY. SHE'D HAVE BECOME A VERY NOURISHING AND ENERGETIC COOLFLAME!
IT'S BETTER THAT WAY... I'M ON A DIET. AND FEELINGS OF GUILT ARE HARD TO SWALLOW, AFTER ALL.
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN! THEY CAN GLADLY REMAIN HERE!
BUT THIS DOESN'T EXCLUDE HER BECOMING AN OBJECT OF STUDY...
TAKE HER IN!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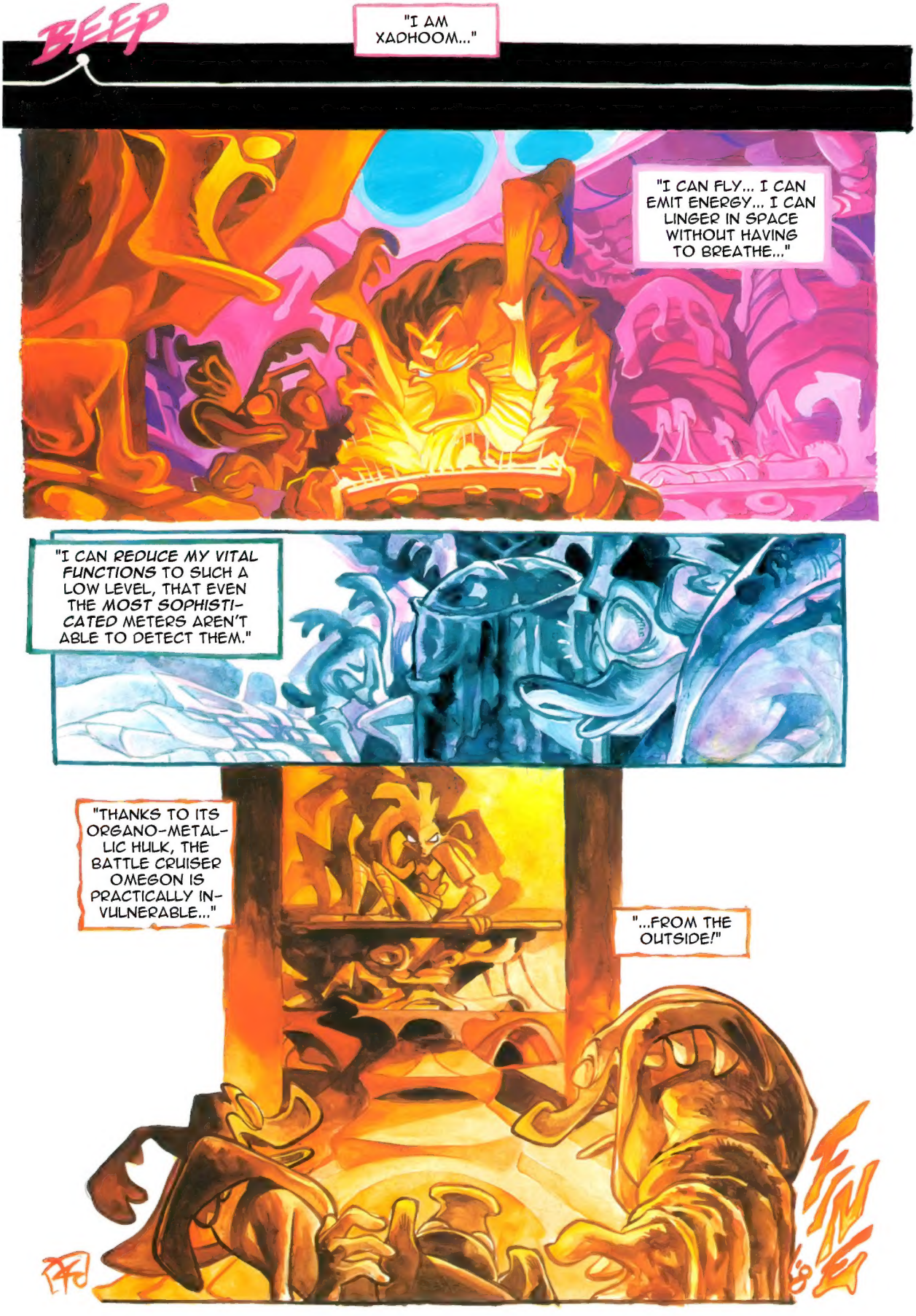
BEEP
"I AM XADHOOM..."
"I CAN FLY... I CAN EMIT ENERGY... I CAN LINGER IN SPACE WITHOUT HAVING TO BREATHE..."
"I CAN REDUCE MY VITAL FUNCTIONS TO SUCH A LOW LEVEL, THAT EVEN THE MOST SOPHISTICATED METERS AREN'T ABLE TO DETECT THEM."
"THANKS TO ITS ORGANO-METALLIC HULK, THE BATTLE CRUISER OMEGON IS PRACTICALLY INVULNERABLE..."
"...FROM THE OUTSIDE!"
FIN

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